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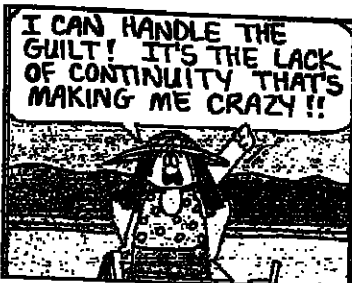
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Shekel depreciates 1.78% after interest cut

By DAVID HARRIS

The shekel fell against all the major foreign currencies in Friday trading, the morning after the Bank of Israel announced a 1.5 percent interest rate cut and the Treasury decided the 1999 inflation target will be 4%.

The shekel depreciated 1.78% against the US dollar to NIS 3.716, while it lost 1.731% in relation to the basket of major currencies - the dollar, Japanese yen, German mark, British pound, and French franc, all of which made gains of more than 1%.

The central bank believes this to be only a temporary blip, as occurred when the same phenomenon hit the markets in late June after rates were cut by a similar level. Within days, the market stabilized.

Thursday's announcement, which takes effect this morning, followed agreement between Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman to set the inflation target at 4% and also alter the exchange rate mechanism in light of the rapidly falling inflation rate, likely to reach 3.5%-4.5% by the end of the year. The package also received the backing of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who some in both the central bank and Treasury say forced it on Neeman and Frenkel, as the economy has been showing few signs of recovery.

Another step viewed by many in the economy as a political rather than economic move was the creation of the national economic council, which met for the first time on Friday.

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom was added to the council, whose members are Netanyahu, Neeman, Frenkel, Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, and Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper.

As a result of Friday's session, a subcommittee was established to examine the possibility of the National Insurance Institute subsidizing employers taking on new workers, as the government attempts to reduce unemployment from its current level of some 210,000 or 9.3% of the workforce.

On Thursday, however, the Treasury said unemployment will average 9%-9.5% until the end of next year, with a real change only being seen in 2000 or 2001, when the rate will remain above 8%.

Tomorrow, the cabinet is to begin a two-day initial discussion of the 1999 state budget, which includes an NIS 1.3 billion increase in domestic spending, but will also see an overall cut of NIS 2.2b. to reduce the deficit to 2% of the gross domestic product, in line with the government's multi-year goals laid down in the Budget Deficit Law.

The Treasury said next year's budgetary arrangements will include provisions for an increase in infrastructure spending of NIS 3b.-NIS 3.5b., most of which will come from the private sector. The government's shared view is that infrastructure projects will help create long-term indirect employment, while their construction also mean jobs in the short term.

Over the weekend, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon gave outline details of his ministry's plan to create thousands of jobs. The proposals, which were presented to Netanyahu last week, are mainly based on bringing forward infrastructure projects scheduled for 1999. Principal among these are road and rail construction and water system improvements.

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141 dead in US embassies blasts

Moslem terrorists blamed for attacks in Kenya, Tanzania

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

Moslem terrorists from Saudi Arabia and Egypt were emerging yesterday as the most likely masterminds of the near-simultaneous bombings Friday of the US embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed at least 141 people and wounded more than 4,000.

The State Department refused to publicly speculate on the identity of the terrorists, although it was widely reported that the leading candidates were followers of Osama bin Laden or the Egyptian group Islamic Jihad.

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In Kenya, the death toll rose to at least 132, including 11 Americans, and 154 are still missing, the US Embassy said. The State Department said a child was among those killed and four other Americans were missing. Fourteen Kenyan employees at the embassy died and 109 are unaccounted for. Nine people died in the Tanzanian bombing, but no Americans were killed.

With 4,257 people injured in Nairobi, medical facilities were overwhelmed and some victims were taken to hospitals 48 km. away.

Just a few minutes apart, the suspected car bombings 700 km. from each other turned busy streets in two African capitals into bloody piles of concrete and knots of steel. Investigators began a painstaking search for clues yesterday, as IDF rescue experts and search dogs took over the hunt for survivors in Nairobi.

The parking lot behind the Nairobi embassy, where a car bomb was believed to have exploded, was monitored by closed circuit television cameras which could provide a crucial clue but US Ambassador Prudence Bushnell said she didn't know whether the cameras or film survived the blast.

The FBI, which sent 60 investigators to Nairobi and a separate team to Dar es Salaam, has said its top priority is to determine the kind of vehicle and the type of explosive device used in the

attacks, which spokesman Frank Scafidi said "can be like a fingerprint of who did it."

A man was seen being taken into custody at the Nairobi bombing scene. Witnesses said he spoke Arabic, but police would not comment. His connection, if any, to the bombings was not known.

Kenyan Foreign Minister Bonaya Godana told a news conference that a car bomb apparently went off in front of the entrance to the basement parking lot of the American Embassy.

"It is probable that in fact the person tried to get in and could not get into the basement," he said. "Whether it was suicidal and the person involved was in it or not, is difficult to say."

A previously unknown Islamic group has claimed responsibility for the twin bombings and vowed more attacks to drive American and Western troops from Moslem countries.

A series of statements sent to Qatar's al-Jazeera Satellite Channel yesterday said the Nairobi bombing was carried out by two men from Mecca, while an Egyptian staged the Dar es Salaam attack.

The Islamic Army for the Liberation of Holy Places announces responsibility for the Nairobi bombing under the name operation Holy Kaaba, "one of three statements said."

Another statement said the attack in Tanzania was codenamed the "operation Al-Aksa Mosque."

The group, identifying itself as "Islamic holy warriors from all countries of the world and who belong to all Moslem people," said it was compelled to carry out the attacks by what it called the occupation of Islamic holy sites in the Arabian peninsula by the US forces.

Similar statements were sent to Radio France International and a London-based Arabic newspaper, Al-Hayat, but there was no indication that the senders could provide evidence for their claims.

The messages called for the release from prison of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind Egyptian cleric serving a life sentence in the United States for plotting bombings in New York, and several others who appeared to be fundamentalist preachers in Saudi Arabia. It was not immediately known whether US investigators would give credence to the claim.

A reporter for Al-Hayat said that



A rescue expert from the IDF's Home Front Command watches his sniffer dog yesterday after it found a dead woman in the rubble of a collapsed building next to the US Embassy in Nairobi. The IDF brought eight dogs and 180 experts to help find survivors of the Friday bomb attack. (AP/IDF Spokesman)

group, which he said was formed in February, included Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, the leader of the militant Egyptian Jihad organization Ayman Zawahiri, and two Pakistani and one Bangladeshi groups.

Bin Laden is a Saudi multimillionaire who has been called by the US national security adviser Sandy Berger "the most-dangerous non-state terrorist in the world." Dubbed the "millionaire caveman" because he is holed up

in what is said to be a "high-tech cave" in Afghanistan, bin Laden had vowed a holy war against the US and called on followers to kill Americans.

He has been described by the State Department as "one of the most significant financial sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world."

Bin Laden has close ties to Moslem extremist groups in Sudan, and lived in Sudan before

moving to Afghanistan in 1996. He is considered responsible for the June 1996 terror attack on an American apartment complex, Khobar Towers, near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 US airmen.

Bin Laden, who has been stripped of his Saudi citizenship, also is thought to be linked to Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing in New York.

IDF team rescues survivor from Nairobi bomb rubble

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF Home Front Command rescue team in Nairobi late last night rescued a survivor from the rubble of the building demolished by the attack on the US Embassy in Nairobi, the IDF Spokesman said.

The rescue came six hours after the arrival of the team, which was due to work throughout the night.

The rescued person's identity could not be immediately established.

Earlier reports said the team had located a man and woman in the rubble. They were the first survivors found by the Israeli rescuers, who had already removed 11 bodies from the mangled steel and concrete rubble.

The 150-man IDF rescue team landed in Nairobi yesterday afternoon and immediately began their life-saving mission.

"A few minutes ago we located a man and he told us his name was Nana," Col. Ben Arieh, the acting head of the Israeli rescue team, told Israel Radio last night.

Nana relayed to the Israelis that he was in touch with an injured woman. The IDF rescuers pumped oxygen to the trapped couple.

"I hope that by morning we will have reached them and I very much hope they will still be alive," he said.

IDF officers said the rescue team succeeded in locating "a number" of survivors in the collapsed buildings and were able to open lines of communication with them. Some reports from Kenya said the Israelis had located at least four survivors.

Rescue workers in the Kenyan capital were waiting anxiously for the Israelis to arrive, and were particularly anticipating the sniffer dogs. Once there, the IDF dogs wearing Star of David insignias scrambled over the ruins as they sniffed for survivors.

The Home Front Command units are equipped with specially designed equipment, including heavy-duty balloons, pneumatic jacks, and cutters capable of lifting and slicing through tons of iron, cement, and debris.

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Many PLC members vow to oppose cabinet reshuffle

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Legislative Council members nearly came to blows yesterday during a debate over the new cabinet of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, with many legislators warning they will vote today against what they termed a government that preserves corruption and mismanagement.

The vote had been scheduled for yesterday, but the motion was delayed by the request of 30 of the 88 PLC members to address the legislature regarding the new cabinet.

Outgoing minister Hanan Ashrawi, who, together with Abdul Jawad Salah, announced on Thursday they would not serve in the new cabinet, called on the PLC to vote against the government.

"We struggled for a long time to get the voters' confidence, and now PA respect for the PLC, and now we should respect ourselves [by voting against this cabinet]," she said.

"This cabinet represents the

absence of respect for political institutions." PLC member Mohammed Horani of Arafat's own Fatah movement told the council.

The session was not broadcast on either PA radio or television despite the appeals of some PLC members. Nor did the Palestinian media report any of the criticism voiced at the PLC debate.

The PLC session was tense as supporters of the new cabinet argued with its critics. The latter attacked Arafat's decision to retain three ministers accused in a PLC audit of waste and mismanagement while demoting two ministers and dismissing one who were regarded as having been most effective.

At one point, the debate almost turned violent when PLC member Hassan Khuder, a Fatah representative, ridiculed Arafat by proposing that the PA chief be named "God of the Palestinian people forever."

The remark angered Fatah member Burkhan Jarar, a military official from Jenin, who rushed to Khuder and tried to strike him.

Jarar was pulled away by a PLC official.

Arafat did not attend the session. Instead, his two leading aides, Tayeb Abdul Rahim, the PA secretary-general, and cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdul Rahman, watched the proceedings.

"How can we vote with a government accused of having misused its authority, which harms the PA and PLC?" PLC member Ziad Abu Amr asked.

Abu Amr called for the release of the report by an Arafat-appointed committee on corruption and for those mentioned in the report to be punished. The report was completed last year but never released.

PLC member Yousef Shanti, a Hamas representative from Gaza, said the new cabinet is an attempt to empty the PLC of its most active members and weaken the legislature.

Jamal Shubaki, a Fatah member from Hebron, criticized the uncertainty regarding the cabinet reshuffle.

"We waited one year for this moment, but nobody knows the pre-

cise number of ministers in the new cabinet," he said. "If the PLC can't respect its decisions, it's difficult to ask the others to respect them."

Shubaki proposed that the PLC vote on each member of the cabinet rather than for the entire body. "I'm still looking for a reason to vote with this government but I haven't found one yet," he said.

PLC member Kamal Sharafi called for early elections for both PA president and the legislature. He said the new cabinet symbolizes a challenge to the legislature by the PA and invites more attacks against Palestinian democracy.

Sharafi said he didn't understand how the PA, which can't pay its current employees on time, can increase the number of cabinet ministers.

"Do we reward our people by closing the file on corruption, and reward the corrupt by voting for them?" Sharafi asked.

Despite the criticism, Palestinian analysts expect a majority of the PLC to support the new government.

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Appeals court finds signs of Starr media leaks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - In a ruling hailed by the White House Friday, a US appeals court called for hearings into alleged media leaks by independent counsel Kenneth Starr in the secret grand jury probe of the Monica Lewinsky case.

One day after Lewinsky testified to the grand jury about her alleged sexual affair with President Bill Clinton, the appeals court released documents agreeing with a judge's finding that there is preliminary evidence of "serious and repetitive ... disclosures to the media" by Starr and his team.

Sources familiar with the case have told Reuters that Lewinsky, testifying Thursday under a sweeping grant of immunity from prosecution by Starr, was prepared to say that she and Clinton did have an affair, which they agreed should be kept quiet, but that she was never explicitly told to lie about it.

Clinton has repeatedly denied the affair and said he never told anyone to lie.

A new poll by CBS News found that most Americans - 63 percent - believe that, whatever the truth of Clinton's situation, it

would have been better never to have embarked on the investigation that led to Lewinsky's testimony.

Taken after Lewinsky testified, the poll found that 59 percent believe Clinton would testify truthfully even as 76 percent said they believe he and Lewinsky had in fact had a sexual affair. The poll had an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Clinton's denial of the affair under oath in the Jones case and repeated statements that he never asked anyone to lie are at the heart of allegations that he obstructed justice by telling Lewinsky and others to cover up their relationship.

As versions of Lewinsky's testimony were splashed across newspaper front pages, Clinton appeared in the Rose Garden on Friday to preside over a carefully scripted event on job training and to express outrage at a pair of bombings at US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

A spokeswoman for Lewinsky, Judy Smith, told reporters on Thursday that Lewinsky and her family were "relieved that this ordeal finally appears to be coming to an end."

NEWS

in brief

Police might question Strashnov

Police looking into the Strashnov-Manbar Affair are considering questioning Judge Amnon Strashnov himself, to attempt to clarify several issues raised by the others questioned.

The idea was raised in a meeting this week between prosecutors and police officers involved in the investigation.

Attorney-General Amnon Rubinstein said that as long as police are simply "checking into" the matter, there is no need to get special permission to question Strashnov. But if the "check" should turn into a criminal investigation, police would have to ask Rubinstein for permission.

Police are checking if there is any evidence to indicate Strashnov might have improperly discussed the treason trial of Nahum Manbar with a member of his defense team, Pinat Yanai, while the trial was going on.

Saddam ignores UN row, urges Iran ties

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein marked the 10th anniversary of the end of the 1980-1988 Iraq-Iran war yesterday by urging Teheran to forget the past and open a new page in relations with Baghdad.

Saddam, however, made no mention in a speech broadcast live on state radio and television of a row between Iraq and UN arms inspectors sparked by a breakdown of talks between the two sides last week.

The Iraqi leader said last Wednesday they would halt cooperation with the inspectors and called for an immediate end to sweeping UN sanctions.

Iraq Friday complained in a letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan that an American member of the weapons team, John Larabi, was playing "tricks" to prolong the sanctions.

MKs to tour Africa

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur has instructed the Africa Bureau to organize a tour of African states for MKs Ze'ev Boim, Gideon Ezra, Yehuda Lancry, Zvi Weinberg and Emanuel Zissmann.

The plan is for the five to visit Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Nigeria and Rwanda, with the aim of strengthening Israel's relations with these countries and to update their leaders on the peace process, the Foreign Ministry said.

The MKs will carry personal letters from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to national leaders, the ministry said.

Poll: Most Israeli Jews favor pullback

A majority of Jewish Israelis are in favor of a withdrawal from West Bank territory, according to a Tel Aviv University survey. According to the poll, 60 percent of the 504 Jewish adults polled were in favor of a 13% withdrawal. Thirty-one percent said they were opposed, and the remaining 9% had no opinion. The margin of error was 4.5%.

Five killed, six hurt on roads

Five people were killed and three seriously injured when a van overturned early Friday morning on the Afula-Nazareth road, near the Balfouria junction. Police believe that either the van was speeding or the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

The dead and injured were all members of the Abu Ahmed clan from eastern Nazareth.

Singer David Broza suffered light injuries in a road accident at the Masmya junction early Friday morning, as he was returning home from his performance at the "Full Moon in the Desert" concert at Aydat in the Negev. Two others in his car suffered light to moderate injuries.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Friday he would raise the issue of road accidents at today's cabinet meeting.

Ten-year-old girl drowns in Kinneret

A 10-year-old girl from the Beduin village of Bir al-Makur drowned Friday morning in Lake Kinneret after going for a swim from a beach that was off-limits. A police spokesman identified the girl as belonging to the Tujrat family, whose mother and two of her brothers were killed last year in a car accident at Bir al-Makur junction.

Clinton vows to 'never give up' in US search for bombers

By STEVE HOLLAND

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton pledged yesterday the United States will "never give up" the search for those behind powerful car bomb explosions at two US embassies in Africa that killed at least 11 Americans.

"No matter how long it takes or where it takes us we will pursue terrorists until the cases are solved and justice is done," Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

He appeared to be preparing Americans for what could be a long, arduous search for the perpetrators of explosions minutes apart on Friday at embassy buildings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Counter-terrorism teams were at each blast site yesterday and were beginning "the painstaking process of determining what kind of bomb it was and if there are any clues as to who might be responsible," said White House spokesman P.J. Crowley.

Clinton conferred with French President Jacques Chirac about the bombings by telephone and his national security adviser, Sandy Berger, convened a White House meeting of top national security aides, including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, to discuss the rescue and search for clues.

Clinton said the number of Americans killed in the Nairobi blast had increased from eight to 11 after what officials said was the discovery of more bodies in the rubble. One American was "gravely wounded" in the Dar es Salaam explosion, the president said.

"May God bless their souls," Clinton said.

The Pentagon identified two more victims among American dead in Nairobi. They were both security personnel: Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Lynn Olds, 40, of Panama City, Florida; and Marine Sgt. Jesse Alliganga, 21, of Tallahassee, Florida.

Clinton said Americans are targets of terrorism, because "we have unique leadership responsibilities in the world." He said to pull diplomats and troops back



Workers begin the cleanup of the bomb damage in Nairobi yesterday. View shows a destroyed building next to the US Embassy at left.

from world trouble spots "would give terrorism a victory it must not and will not have. Instead, we will continue to take the fight to terrorists," he said. "The most powerful weapon in our counter-terrorism arsenal is our determination to never give up."

Clinton said. Americans have

been successful in the past in finding terrorists and bringing them to justice, even when it has taken years. He mentioned the capture, trial, and death sentence for the Pakistani man who killed two CIA employees in Langley, Virginia, and the mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing.

But some horrific acts of militant violence have never been solved. Two years after the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 US servicemen, the investigation is stalled. Ten years after Pan Am Flight 103 was bombed out of the sky over Scotland, the perpetrators have yet to be tried.

The Pentagon said two C-141 cargo planes left Washington yesterday morning with FBI evidence teams, one flying to Nairobi and the other to Dar es Salaam. Officials said more than 100 doctors, disaster relief experts, military units, and counter-terrorism specialists were at the blast sites.

US ambassador to Kenya recounts horror of blast

By PAUL RICHARDSON

NAIROBI (Reuters) — A shaken US Ambassador Prudence Bushnell yesterday told how "thousands of people came face to face with evil" in Friday's devastating car bomb blast in Nairobi.

Visibly shaken and sporting a stitched lower lip, she recounted for the first time at a packed news conference how she dealt with the horrific attack on her mission.

On Friday morning, Bushnell was holding talks with Kenyan Trade Minister Joseph Kamotho and other officials on the 21st floor of the Co-Operative House building — two doors away from the US Embassy.

"It was approximately 10:40. I was there in the building right next door and all of us who were in the area heard the sound of an explosion," Bushnell said. "Literally, ten seconds later there was an enormous explosion."

IDF

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Immediately after news of the attack reached Israel, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz ordered the Home Front Command to dispatch the rescue teams and doctors to Nairobi. The delegation is led by Brig.-Gen. Ilan Harari, chief staff officer of the Home Front Command.

The units rushed through the night to pack a C-130 cargo plane and an IAF airliner with rescue units, doctors, and the IDF canine unit before setting off yesterday morning at 9.

Magen David Adom sent 100 units of blood and announced that it is taking donations from those with O blood type at all of its stations. Those interested can call 1-800-400-101.

Defense Minister Yitzhak

In that instant a deluge of glass shards were hurled onto thousands of unsuspecting pedestrians walking through a busy part of downtown Nairobi which was immediately shrouded in dust and a column of thick black smoke.

"I had just gotten up and the next thing I knew I was sitting and I had my hands over my head which is why I have cuts on my hands," she said. "I don't know whether I lost consciousness or not, I know that there was debris coming all over and the clinking and the clanging and then all of a sudden there was silence."

After regaining her senses, Bushnell said she and a number of other officials began the descent down 21 flights of stairs.

"As we went down the stairs, every door from hallway into stairwell had been blown in so we were walking over doors. There was blood everywhere. Now and

again you would find a shoe here and there. As we came down the stairs, we met up with more and more people who were coming out of the building and as we went further down there was much more smoke."

On the approach to the ground floor, Bushnell said people became more pressed together as the doors at the exit to the stairwell struggled to funnel the survivors onto the streets.

The journey down the stairwell took between 10 and 15 minutes, she said.

"It was not a stampede. Not a panic. Given what was happening it was as orderly an exodus as I have ever seen."

Once she had left the building, Bushnell was escorted to the hospital where she was treated for minor cuts along with thousands of others who suffered injuries ranging from injured eyes to amputated legs.

SHEKEL

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The various work would require an NIS 1.5b. investment.

Among the specific plans are:

- Nine intercity road improvements, including the Givat Ze'ev-Atarot, Beit Shemesh-Dimona, and Modi'in-Givat Ze'ev routes.

- Four railroad projects, which take in the Tel Aviv-Rosh Ha'ayin and Jerusalem-Tel Aviv routes, new train stations and equipment.
- Laying new water pipes and drilling for new water sources.

Most of the funding is already in the ministry's 1999 budget request, but is subject to Treasury approval.

Meanwhile, the Union of Local Authorities gave warning on Friday that its constituent municipalities will have to lay off some 1,400 workers between now and the end of 1999 because of cuts being imposed by the Treasury and Interior Ministry.

to deal with the PA battle against Jewish settlements in the territories, defended the new cabinet. He said this cabinet will deal with settlement expansion and Palestinian prisoners.

"This is positive, and forms one step in the right direction," he said.

Arafat convened the majority Fatah bloc in the PLC for meetings on Friday night and last night, PA sources said.

But several leading Fatah mem-

bers, such as West Bank Fatah leader Marwan Barghout and Abbas Zaki from Hebron, said they do not regard Fatah's role as necessarily supporting the new cabinet.

PA sources said Arafat appealed to Fatah-aligned legislators to vote for the new cabinet so Palestinians could proceed with what he termed their most important challenge — the establishment of an independent Palestinian state next May.

Kenya, Tanzania — neighbors in sorrow

Profiles of the African countries, where bombs damaged US embassies Friday.

KENYA

A political debate is mounting in Kenya about constitutional changes that would allow more individual rights and reduce executive powers.

The East African nation, known for its varied wildlife and long-distance runners, covers about 220,000 square miles of tropical beaches, forests, savannas and deserts and is about the size of Italy.

After gaining independence from Britain in 1963, Kenya adopted capitalist economic policies and maintained good relations with Western nations, especially Britain and the United States.

The country's economy grew rapidly but began to falter in the early 1980s, partly because of declining prices of main exports — tea and coffee — but also because of increasing mismanagement of public funds and corruption.

Last year the International Monetary Fund froze a \$220 million loan because of the government's failure to enact economic reforms and curb corruption.

This June, Finance Minister Simeon Nyachae publicly confessed the government had no money.

Kenya's population of 28 million includes descendants of people from Europe, the Indian subcontinent, the Arabian peninsula and 42 odd tribes. More than half of the country is Christian, but several other religions are practiced.

TANZANIA

One of the poorest countries in the world, Tanzania is the only country in Africa to be created by uniting two independent nations.

Now the largest nation in East Africa, Tanzania was created in 1964 after mainland Tanganyika united with the Indian Ocean island nation of Pemba and Zanzibar.

Like neighboring Kenya, Tanzania has had good relations with the United States.

Tanzania is also a land of contrasts. It covers 364,000 square miles of mangrove swamps, tropical forests, savannah and the perpetually snow-covered Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest point in Africa at 19,300 feet. The country is about twice the size of California.

A majority of its 29 million people are Christians.

World leaders condemn bombings

Iran sympathizes with victims

LONDON (AP) — Australia and Russia said they want to help with the investigation. Israel provided rescue workers. The pope sent up prayers.

The twin terrorist bombings at US embassies in east Africa brought expressions of horror from world leaders yesterday — and offers of help.

Even governments on US State Department's list of terrorist-sponsoring nations spoke out. "We condemn the bombings, and sympathize with the victims and their families," said Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi.

"We are committed to working with our allies and friends to combat the threat posed by terrorism and will cooperate in any way that might be useful in efforts to uncover the perpetrators of these bombings," Australian Prime Minister John Howard said in a statement from his Canberra office.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said the bombings were "cowardly acts" and he pledged that his country would help "in any way it can."

In a message to US President Bill Clinton, Russian President Boris Yeltsin called the bombings a brazen challenge to the entire world community and pledged to act with other countries to do whatever is necessary to combat terrorism, the Interfax news agency said.

Vatican Radio said Pope John Paul II had offered prayers for the dead and hopes that the attacks

will encourage the international community "to cooperate and double efforts aimed at building a world of peace and justice."

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called the attacks "vicious criminal acts," and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh said she could "find no word adequate enough to condemn the heinous bomb attacks."

In a statement issued by the official Saudi Press Agency, the government of Saudi Arabia said it "strongly condemns any kind of terrorist activity in any form and anywhere in the world."

The government of Cuba on Friday condemned the bombings and expressed "its most deeply felt sorrow." Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail said his country "condemns acts of violence. Such acts as these do not accomplish anything, but victimize innocents," he said.

Around the world, US diplomatic compounds beefed up security. In Paris, a heavy police presence prevented people from approaching the US embassy, which was cordoned off with metal barriers. Thailand's prime minister ordered his country's police to provide special security to the US Embassy in Bangkok.

In Malaysia, US embassy spokesman Chip Barclay said the compound was "definitely on heightened security. We're keeping our guard up and taking appropriate measures. When I came in today, it was apparent that effective measures have been taken."

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Officers dismissed for negligence

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz has ordered a number of officers dismissed - including a battalion commander - and censured brigade commanders for negligence in the death of an Armored Corps soldier who was crushed by a tank turret last month.

The decision followed an inquiry whose final results were submitted to Mofaz on Thursday, after he had rejected a preliminary report.

According to military sources, Mofaz was angered at the behavior of the commanders in the unit of Staff Sgt. Motti Michaeli, 21, who was killed on July 19 when his head was crushed by a turning tank turret while on maneuvers on the Golan Heights.

The investigation was led by a colonel and Mofaz accepted all of his recommendations.

These included dismissing the former armored battalion commander, its company commander, a platoon commander, and five tank

commanders. Two brigade commanders were disciplined, along with a reserve battalion commander and company commander.

Military sources said that Michaeli had removed his helmet and violated other safety regulations during the exercise. Such behavior had apparently become the practice of the armored battalion and this is the reason for the harsh disciplinary measures.

The armored battalion commander being dismissed had, in fact, already been transferred from the

battalion when the accident occurred, but was held responsible because it was under his command that the safety lapses began. He has since been commanding officer cadets at the Armored Corps Academy.

The brigade commander, a colonel, is to be summoned to OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who will censure him, and a letter of reprimand will be put into his personal file.

A regional brigade commander is to be summoned to OC

Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazy for similar punishment.

These were Mofaz's first disciplinary actions as CGS, and they come at a time of increased accidents in the IDF. Only 10 days after Michaeli was killed, an officer from the same unit was critically injured when his tank overturned.

The IDF Spokesman said that Mofaz had updated Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai on the investigation and decisions taken.

NEWS

in brief

Study: Saddam won't attack with chemical arms

Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein would avoid firing missiles with chemical warheads at Israel, because Israel's response would endanger his regime, a Tel Aviv University study says.

The study, authored by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Aharon Levran, says Saddam's limited military strength means his key interest is survival. He will not fire any VX chemical nerve gas or biological warheads at Israel if this could threaten his rule, the study says.

"Saddam is still not irrational. He is aware of the limits of his powers and responsibilities," said Levran, adding there is no cause for panic if Iraq's refusal to cooperate with UN inspectors sparks a crisis with Washington. *Steve Rodan*

Patients deprived of Holocaust reparations

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza will visit the Abarbanel Psychiatric Hospital in Bat Yam this week to investigate the report that nearly a thousand mental patients who survived the Holocaust have been deprived of German reparations over the last 50 years.

Ma'ariv reporter Ronel Fisher reported on Friday that the money is being held by the General Custodian of funds and that the patients live in sub-standard conditions, some even hoarding food under their mattresses. Matza will also visit families who are involved and Custodian Shmuel Tsur. *Judy Siegel*

Orthodox students lose suit against Yale

Yale University's policy requiring students to live in co-ed dormitories does not violate the religious rights of Orthodox students, a federal judge has ruled.

A group of Orthodox students, which became known as the Yale Five, last year sued the university in New Haven, Connecticut. The students argued that Yale's housing policy violated their ability to adhere to Jewish law's tenets of chastity and modesty.

"The plaintiffs could have opted to attend a different college or university if they were not satisfied with Yale's housing policy," District Court Judge Alfred V. Covello said in the July 31 ruling, which was made public Friday. The Yale Five intend to appeal. *Marilyn Henry*

Cyprus seeking Israelis born in detention camps

The Cyprus Tourism Organization is seeking Israelis born in British detention camps on the island. A ceremony this fall will honor them, on the occasion of Israel's jubilee, organization director Louisa Varaclos said.

Between 1946 and 1949, 52,384 Jewish refugees bound for Palestine were interned in Cyprus, and 1,916 babies were born. For more information, call (03) 5257442 or fax. (03) 5257443. *Esther Hecht*

Jewish Agency boosts ties with migration body

The Jewish Agency last week signed a cooperation agreement in Geneva with the International Organization of Migration (IOM) to bolster existing contacts and information exchanges.

Chairman Avraham Burg said at the signing that the agency has garnered considerable experience in immigration matters over the years "and is definitely interested in passing this along to other bodies."

Peter Shatzler, a senior IOM official, said the agreement would also provide for exchanges of experts. Israel was a founding member when the IOM was launched in 1953. *Itim*

Arafat again urges US to release plan

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

In his second letter to the Clinton administration in 72 hours, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat rejected Israel's latest proposals and appealed to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to release a US plan for IDF withdrawal in the West Bank.

Arafat has refused to agree to new talks with Israel. The negotiations broke off last Monday, when Palestinian negotiators said the latest Israeli proposals were a departure from the US bridging

plan of a handover of 13.1 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control.

"The only way to bring the peace process back on track is for the US administration to present its initiative, which the Palestinians have officially accepted," PA sources quoted the Arafat letter as saying. "Not presenting the initiative enables [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu to use the talks as a cover for his intention to evade the peace process and to give him more time and more excuses not to implement the agreements."

Barak: Stop haggling over West Bank

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Labor Party leader Ehud Barak wrapped up a visit to the US late last week by saying that Israel should stop haggling over three percent of the West Bank and instead focus on potential nuclear threats from Iran and Iraq.

"The Palestinians are the weakest link in the Arab chain, not the strongest one," he told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on Thursday. "If we are not afraid of Syria, what the hell are we talking about? Are 11,000, 12,000, 13,000 rifles of the Palestinians an existential threat to Israel?"

He did not let Arafat off the hook, though, saying that the Palestinian leader had to honor his commitments and try harder in the struggle against terrorism. Barak returned to Israel on Friday.

Accompanied by MKs Yossi Beilin and Ephraim Sneh, Barak was politely received by the Conference of Presidents after an hour-long stump speech delivered

in a monotonous, low-grade rumble that was not quite confrontational.

"We are not here to replace the government," he said, adding that Israel is a democracy with more than one school of thought.

Barak distanced himself from both the "messianic wishful thinking" of the government, as well as "leftist wishful thinking."

The government acts as if it were "held hostage by the ultra-Orthodox and ultra-right wings settlers," he said. "These two groups cannot provide a compass for what is good for Israel."

Barak's meeting with the Conference of Presidents was delayed by more than an hour because he was holding talks in Washington with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. He did not divulge their contents.

He told the Conference of Presidents that Israel is very strong militarily and economically. "One thousand miles around Jerusalem you cannot find a stronger country ... if we are clever enough not to destroy it," he said.



Arguing the percentages

Former Tel Aviv mayor and Armored Corps Maj.-Gen. (res.) Shlomo Lahat demonstrates with fellow Council for Peace and Security members in Tel Aviv on Friday. The large placard reads: "Never have so few [withdrawal] percentage points been such a great danger for so many."

(Ilan Ossendyver/Israel Sun)

New Turkish army chief won't halt ties with Israel - expert

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Turkey's burgeoning military relationship with Israel has acquired a momentum that will not be halted in the foreseeable future, according to Mohammad Nouredin, a leading commentator on Turkey.

Nor does he ascribe political significance to last Thursday's announcement by Turkey's

Supreme Military Council that land forces commander Gen. Huseyin Kivrikoglu will succeed Gen. Ismail Hakki Karadayi, who retires as chief of staff on August 30.

Analysts were surprised that Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Cevik Bir, an architect of Turkey's relations with Israel and natural heir to Karadayi, had been bypassed.

Nouredin said the likely explanation

is that the military elite had been reluctant to appoint an Alawite to the top post and insisted that the move did not reflect negatively on Israeli-Turkish relations.

The intense military cooperation between Israel and Turkey, inaugurated during the premiership of Shimon Peres and subsequently fostered by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has now transcended the will of individuals, he said, and become institutionalized in the military establishments of the two states.

He told the London-based daily newsletter *Mideast Mirror* on Friday that ties between the two states would not only remain close but grow even stronger - as long as there is no significant change in the perceived self-interests of each.

Nouredin cited two factors that are motivating Turkey to

enhance its ties with Israel: The rebuff it received when it applied for membership of the European Union, and the "unstable" nature of its relationship with Washington, which Nouredin said the Greek and Armenian lobbies are constantly seeking to undermine.

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Mordechai to visit China

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to visit China at the end of the month in a long-awaited, often-postponed trip. Mordechai is to be accompanied by defense industry leaders and his trip is seen as a push for increased defense ties with Beijing. Mordechai had planned a number of trips to the East, but these have been postponed at least

three times. His week-long trip now comes at a time when both countries are anxious to negotiate joint ventures.

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Poland 'to help' in cross furor

By MARILYN HENRY

The Polish government, in an apparent reversal of its initial position, said Friday that it wants to help solve a mounting confrontation over crosses erected by Catholics outside Auschwitz.

The Polish government declares a will to contribute to solving the problem of the presence of religious symbols in Auschwitz-Birkenau in cooperation with the Church authorities and all interested parties in the spirit of tolerance and respecting the religious sensitivity of the Christians and the Jews," the government said in a statement.

The crosses - now numbering more than 50 and placed to commemorate 152 Polish Catholics who were executed at Auschwitz -

have drawn protests from the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority - Yad Vashem and the US Holocaust Memorial Council.

The government statement offered no details on how Warsaw wanted to resolve the issue.

The statement blamed "a few irresponsible people, who use the policy of accomplished facts, cause an escalation of the conflict and the mobilization of radical elements on both sides." Poles have been spurred to support the crosses by broadcasts from a renegade Catholic radio station, Radio Maryja.

The dispute also delayed the signing, which had been scheduled for last month, of a year-old Jewish-Polish agreement on the preservation

and protection of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"The government is held hostage," said a Jewish official in Warsaw who did not want to be identified. "It is afraid to irritate the right wing, and would rather sacrifice Auschwitz than its government coalition."

Earlier this week, the government said it could not remove the crosses because they were erected on private land and because it was up to the Catholic Church to decide what to do about religious symbols.

Last year, the Polish government and an international coalition of Jewish institutions, including Yad Vashem and the US Holocaust Memorial Council, reached an agreement regarding the future of the site.

The pact called for the removal of all religious symbols. At that time, the problematic symbols were those on Birkenau's "Field of Ashes." Near the remains of the crematoria, the field is widely known as the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe, because 1 million Jews were killed there.

Those symbols were removed last December. However, a cross commemorating a papal mass remained, and other crosses have since been planted.

Warsaw's statement also said that the dispute "contributes to creating false opinions and stereotypes about the Polish society. It also harms a well-developing Polish-Jewish dialogue which has changed the quality of relations between the two nations."

Germany setting up DM 200m. fund for Nazi victims

BONN (AP) - Under pressure from Jewish leaders and US lawmakers, Germany yesterday announced a 200 million mark restitution fund for Nazi victims who were never directly compensated because they lived in communist countries after World War II.

The German government had resisted pressure since the fall of the Iron Curtain to make individual payments to those who were not previously compensated. West Germany paid DM 1.8 billion marks to nations that fell under the

Soviet influence after the war, but that money never reached many individuals who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

Jewish and other groups have estimated that up to 45,000 East European victims are eligible for payments.

However, the Finance Ministry said the latest funding is intended for some 18,000 victims, who are later to receive further payments from a fund that already makes regular monthly payments to Holocaust survivors.

The agreement with the Jewish Claims Conference comes after months of negotiating with government officials.

According to *Der Spiegel* weekly magazine, it also relaxes the criteria for seriously impaired Jewish victims in Western countries to allow more people to receive compensation. For example, the fund will now take into account the length of time a victim was held in work camps, not just concentration camps.

No one could be immediately

reached Saturday at the Jewish Claims Conference for comment.

Germany has paid more than DM 100 billion to survivors of the Nazi regime, but those living in the Soviet bloc could not apply for direct compensation during the Cold War.

Jewish groups had argued that Eastern European survivors deserve the same kind of direct, monthly compensation from Germany as their counterparts who lived outside the Soviet bloc.



Helping fight cancer

Chen Goldstein, 14, of Kibbutz Ketura, provides a lift to Einat Tishman, 14, of Ra'anana, as she extracts 'milk' from a fig. The two, participants in the Jewish National Fund's summer camp at Tzippori, gathered the milk this weekend as part of a Hadassah-University Hospital research project designed to develop new medication for skin cancer. (Ariel Jerolimski)

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War crimes suspect killed over insult

BELGRADE (Reuters) - A Serb wanted by the International War Crimes Tribunal was shot dead by a policeman after an argument at a cafe in central Serbia, police said on yesterday.

The Serbian policeman gunned down Slobodan Miljkovic and two other people on Friday night at the outdoor cafe in Kragujevac after Miljkovic insulted the officer's girlfriend, police said in a statement.

Miljkovic, known as Luga, and cafe owner Dragisa Rakovic died in hospital. The other man, Miodrag Brankovic, was killed on the spot.

Policeman Branislav Lukovic was arrested and held on suspicion of murder, police said.

Miljkovic was wanted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague

in connection with atrocities committed in northeast Bosnia during the war in the former Yugoslav republic.

A source familiar with Miljkovic said he was alleged to have been a member of a notorious ultra-nationalist paramilitary unit called the Chetniks that was made up of Bosnian Serbs and volunteers from Serbia.

In an interview with the Belgrade daily newspaper *Demokratija* on March 4, Miljkovic rejected responsibility for war crimes and said politicians were to blame.

"My war buddies and I have had it. Politicians pushed us into war, they explained our tasks and goals. We believed we were fighting for what they had told us," Miljkovic told the paper.

Clinton, Chirac ask NATO to prepare further Kosovo plans

PARIS (Reuters) - French President Jacques Chirac and US President Bill Clinton yesterday decided to ask NATO to prepare further plans for military intervention in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, a spokesman for Chirac said.

Spokesman Jerome Peyrat said Chirac and Clinton talked to each other by telephone for about 25 minutes during which they agreed that they would need to secure Russian approval before launching any NATO action.

"The two men expressed their shared concern for the situation on the ground and the humanitarian risk this poses," Peyrat said.

"They agreed that it was necessary for NATO to go further with its military plans."

A senior diplomat said on Friday NATO had finalized planning for possible air operations to try to end five months of conflict in Kosovo between separatist fighters and Serb forces, which has cost hundreds of lives.

Russia has rejected the idea of NATO intervention. Chirac told Clinton there could be no attack without the backing of the UN Security Council.

"This pre-supposes the agreement of Russia," Chirac's spokesman said, adding that it was important to find an accord.

He said Chirac wants the six-nation Contact Group, which includes France, Russia, and the US, to carry on seeking a lasting political solution to the Kosovo crisis.

A senior Russian official said yesterday that an international proposal to end violence in Kosovo offers ethnic Albanians a high level of autonomy within Yugoslavia but rejects independence.

"A Contact Group document on the future status of Kosovo envisages a high level of autonomy for the province and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia," Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Afanasyevsky

told reporters in Belgrade at the end of four days of shuttle diplomacy. "The international community is unanimously against the independence of Kosovo."

British Ambassador to Belgrade Brian Donnelly handed the six-nation Contact Group's proposal to the Serb side on Friday and to the ethnic Albanians yesterday.

The Serb side reacted "positively" to the proposal, Afanasyevsky said.

The document offered several possibilities but all included some of the elements of both the Yugoslav and Serbian constitutions and the experiences of other European countries with signifi-

cant minorities, he said. He declined to give details but said the document is open for revision.

Afanasyevsky was outspoken about Russia's opposition to any kind of western military involvement in Kosovo.

"No one can win a war in Kosovo and no one has yet explained what any foreign military interference would bring to that region and people there," he said.

On Friday, NATO renewed its threat of intervention against Serbian security forces if they did not halt their actions against ethnic Albanian separatists.

Afghan foes in rival claims over northern city

By SAYED SALAHUDDIN

KABUL (Reuters) - Afghanistan's Taleban Islamic movement said its forces had captured the opposition alliance's northern capital of Mazar-i-Sharif yesterday in the latest of a series of spectacular victories.

But the opposition alliance said its forces had pushed back the Taleban militia from the city after two hours of heavy fighting.

Taleban spokesmen said their purist Islamic militia captured Mazar-i-Sharif, capital of Balkh province that borders Uzbekistan, without much resistance.

"Mazar has been taken completely and there is no fighting now," a Taleban spokesman, Abdul Ahad Jahangirwal, told Reuters.

Opposition forces were besieged at Daraye Suf to the south of Mazar while retreating from the city, he said.

The official news agency of Iran, which has provided humanitarian and political support to the opposition, also reported the fall of the last major opposition-held city.

"The Taleban a few minutes ago captured Mazar-i-Sharif, the major stronghold of the Islamic coalition front," IRNA said in a report from the city.

An opposition spokesman, Dr. Abdullah, later told reporters in Kabul by telephone from the north: "After launching an offensive at one o'clock local time, we managed to clear the Taleban from the city and now we are locked in heavy fighting in the area of a fertilizer factory to the west of the city."

He said many Taleban militiamen were killed during the fighting in Mazar and that the opposition forces controlled the city's airport as well as a strategic fort some 20 km west of it.

His statement could not be inde-

pently confirmed.

A Taleban official told Reuters that Mazar-i-Sharif and its airport were under full Taleban control.

"The Taleban [forces] have taken control of Mazar-i-Sharif and there is complete peace and stability," the Taleban-controlled Voice of Sharaf radio said.

The fall of Mazar-i-Sharif would deal a major blow to the opposition, whose forces are now confined to the mountainous central and northeast regions of Afghanistan. It would also mean the loss of the opposition's supply routes from Afghanistan's northern neighbors.

Mazar-i-Sharif has served as the capital for the opposition, which includes the administration of ousted president Burhanuddin Rabbani and key ethnic Uzbek leader General Abdul Rashid Dostum.

The opposition controls some 10 percent of the country.



Welcome to Teheran

Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi (right) welcomes Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Jawad Anani yesterday at Mehrabad International Airport in Teheran. Anani is in Iran for a three-day official visit. (AP)

Iran's first newspaper for women hits stands

TEHERAN (Reuters) - The first daily newspaper in Iran dedicated to women's issues was launched yesterday.

The daily *Zan (Woman)* is published by Faezeh Hashemi, a moderate parliamentary deputy and daughter of Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's former presi-

dent and now chairman of the powerful Expediency Council.

Hashemi is also a member of the Kargozaran-e Sazandegi (Executives of Construction) Party, a group of technocrats who support the reformist policies of President Mohammad Khatami. *Zan* focuses on women's issues

in the Islamic republic, seeking to promote their role in politics, social, and cultural activities.

Hashemi has drawn criticism from conservatives for supporting the active participation of women in sports, particularly cycling, which they consider do not comply with Islamic values.

CNN's ace weds State Dept. spokesman

BRACCIANO, Italy (AP) - She covers the globe for millions of viewers. He speaks for the Clinton administration on foreign policy. They married overseas yesterday in an Old World church with a Renaissance bell tower.

Townpeople in this sleepy village whose lake is lined with villas turned out along with famous

guests like John F. Kennedy Jr. for the wedding of CNN foreign correspondent Christiane Amanpour and State Department spokesman James Rubin.

Celebrating the marriage in St. Stephen's Church was a hospital chaplain from Dublin, whom Amanpour had met in Tehran. Afterwards, the couple moved to

a lakeside garden for a Jewish blessing.

Amanpour wore a plain veil and a sheath-like, full-length dress with neither train nor sleeves.

The groom sported a gray tie, black suit and white carnation, and, after the ceremony, grains of rice in his hair.

Londonderry parade marred by scuffles

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (Reuters) - Two policemen were injured yesterday as sporadic scuffles marred a traditional Protestant parade in this largely Catholic city.

Police said a third officer who went to his colleagues' rescue when he saw them being severely beaten had fired two shots in the air "to disperse the crowd and prevent further injury."

Elsewhere bottles and stones were thrown, often by children, but otherwise the annual Apprentice Boys' march passed off without major incident. Some 15,000 Apprentice Boys

marched through the city after a compromise worked out between Protestant and Catholic residents to end controversy and violence that has marked the parade in the past.

Security was low-key and the army was out of sight as the marchers walked to the sounds of pipes and drums to celebrate the lifting of the 1689 siege of Londonderry by Catholic forces.

The annual Apprentice Boys parade is one of the most famous events of Northern Ireland's Protestant summer marching season and has often sparked violence because Catholics regard the march as crude triumphalism.

But this year, leaders of the two communities agreed a series of

compromises in a bid to avoid trouble and set an example to the rest of Northern Ireland as it struggles to overcome deep-seated mistrust beneath the historic April peace agreement.

Catholic residents agreed not to protest at the parade, while Protestants limited their march along the ancient walls of Londonderry to a token presence accompanied by the beat of a single drum.

Catholic and Protestant community leaders had appealed for troublemakers to stay away.

"The eyes of the world will be on Derry this weekend and the nationalist community must continue to demonstrate firm discipline and resolve," said Doncha

MacNiallais, a spokesman for Londonderry's Catholic Bogside Residents Association.

Apprentice Boys spokesman Alistair Simpson said before the parade started that the marchers were looking forward to a "peaceful and enjoyable" day.

"For anyone who wishes to be in the city for any other reason, we would ask them to stay at home. Confrontation is not welcome," he said.

The largely peaceful parade came only weeks after a stand-off between Protestant Orangemen and Catholic residents of Drumcree, a rural area in the south of the province, degenerated into nights of ugly riots across the province.

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Congo summit fails to reduce tension

By PAT REBER

VICTORIA FALLS, Zimbabwe (AP) — The leaders of Congo and Rwanda sat down for talks yesterday, but appeared to make little progress toward ending the suspicion and hostility that threaten war between the two Central African neighbors.

Congo President Laurent Kabila and Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu joined five other regional leaders for a summit on the conflict brewing in Congo, formerly known as Zaire.

Kabila claims Rwanda is supporting rebels fighting his government, and has threatened to attack. Bizimungu denies it, and says Rwanda would retaliate if Congolese troops cross the border.

At a news conference after the six-hour session, the host of the summit, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, merely reiterated the Rwandan and Congolese positions.

He said, however, that the leaders of Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, and Zimbabwe had formed a committee to press for a cease-fire, and warned Rwanda to withdraw its troops from Congo if they were there. Kabila played down expectations for a resolution, saying he hadn't come to the summit in search of support "but to explain a situation."

"We have an ambitious program of democratization. We expect to go into elections next year," said Kabila, who has been under pressure from human rights groups since his rebel forces ousted Mobutu Sese Seko last year.

The United States has expressed concern about reports of persecution of Tutsis and other ethnic groups in the Congolese capital, Kinshasa.

The resurgence of conflict in the vast Congo and the prospect of civil war loomed in its equally vast and mineral rich neighbor to the south, Angola, has alarmed regional leaders.

A key faction that supported Kabila in last year's overthrow of Mobutu has broken away and occupied a wide strip of eastern Congo. Called the Banyamulenge, the group has close ethnic ties with the Tutsis, who govern neighboring Rwanda.

Among other things, the fighters accuse Kabila of failing to contain Rwandan Hutu rebels launching attacks from inside Congo.

Asked if he felt like the late Mobutu before his overthrow, Kabila laughed and said he wasn't afraid.

"I am not Mobutu," he said. In Israel, the Foreign Ministry called on all Israelis in Congo to leave the country immediately for their own safety.



Raving success

Participants in Zurich's annual techno music street parade, dance down the parade route along the city's lakefront yesterday. Some 500,000 techno fans, known as ravers, came to Switzerland from all over Europe to take part in the event. (Reuters)

Bonn demands that Czech premier apologize for remarks

BONN (Reuters) — Germany demanded an apology yesterday from new Czech Prime Minister Milos Zeman over remarks he made about a group representing ethnic Germans expelled from Czechoslovakia after World War Two.

"This statement must be erased from the world so that we can at last create a basis for negotiations," Finance Minister Theo Waigel told an event organized by a group representing those expelled.

Zeman, who became head of Prague's government last month, has come under fire over comments which German politicians have interpreted as comparing the so-called Sudeten Germans with Czech communists and ultra-

right-wing republicans.

Zeman has said his televised remarks, made last month, had been distorted. He has declined to withdraw them.

In a German newspaper interview this week he clarified that what he had said was: "The Czech Republic does not have any opponents to the German-Czech committee as its members, neither Communists or Republicans. But Germany does [have opponents represented on the committee] — the Sudeten Germans."

That was clearly not enough for Waigel, who is also leader of Bavaria's ruling Christian Social Union (CSU), which is campaigning for re-election at a state election on September 13, two weeks before national polls.

Some 2.5 million Sudeten Germans were expelled from Czechoslovakia after World War Two, and many settled in Bavaria, where they form an influential voter lobby.

"It is unacceptable to mention the Sudeten Germans in the same breath as communists and extremist republicans," Waigel told an audience of around 1,600 in the Bavarian town of Veitshöchheim. "I am deeply angered and I demand an apology."

Zeman had expressed reservations about Sudeten Germans nominated by Bonn to take part in a Czech-German reconciliation commission, following the signing in early 1997 of the bilateral accord meant to heal wartime wounds.

Mountbatten's killer freed in peace deal

DUBLIN (AP) — The man who murdered the much-loved Lord Louis Mountbatten — the only member of the royal family to be killed during the 30-year Northern Ireland conflict — has been freed under the controversial early release provisions of the region's peace settlement.

Thomas McMahon was a serving a life sentence for the murder of Mountbatten and four others, who died when the Irish Republican Army blew up his private boat in Mullaghmore, western Ireland, in August 1979. He was released from prison Thursday night under the terms of the Good Friday peace agreement.

Jeffrey Donaldson, a member of Parliament for the Protestant Ulster Unionist party, condemned the decision to free McMahon.

"Once again the release of this notorious killer is another indication of the premature manner in which both the Irish and British governments are approaching the release of terrorist prisoners," Donaldson said. "Many will view this release as yet another major concession to the IRA."

The promise of paroles for members of true-crime groups was the most controversial part of the agreement struck in April among the British and Irish governments and eight Northern Ireland parties, including the IRA-allied Sinn Féin.

McMahon has been released temporarily on an almost weekly basis for the past two years as part of a pre-release program agreed by the Irish government. He was one of the longest-serving prisoners in Ireland.

Russia denies clash on border with Chechnya

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia denied yesterday its forces had been in action on the border with rebel Chechnya and one defense ministry official suggested opponents of Chechnya's president were stirring up trouble while he was abroad.

In a tense region where rumor and conspiracy theories are common currency, reports of what actually happened on the border between Russia's Dagestan region and breakaway Chechnya early on Friday differed widely.

Chechen Foreign Minister Movladi Udugov told Ekho Moskvy radio station Chechnya's cabinet had met yesterday and established two Russian armored vehicles had been destroyed in the clash and four Chechens wounded, one seriously.

But Russian officials lined up to deny there had been any military activity along the 500-km border between Dagestan and Chechnya, which considers itself independent. The Kremlin says Chechnya is part of the Russian Federation.

Sex heads list of Italy's charms for tourists

ROME (Reuters) — Lust tops the list of Italy's attractions for women tourists, with gastronomic goodies coming a close second, a survey showed yesterday.

But the traditional appeal of the swarthy deep-south Latin lover is fading as the stress of joblessness strikes at his virility, researchers said.

Thirty-six percent of the female tourists from Europe and the United States said hopes of finding passion had brought them to Italy, while 29 percent named food

as their number one draw.

But 60 percent of the 672 women polled by food company Principe di San Daniele said they prefer northern Italian men to the raven-haired, suntanned specimens of the poor south.

"The survey shows the most sought-after Italian male is no longer the Mediterranean-type Latin lover with black hair and olive complexion, but rather the shy and slightly clumsy northern man," said Sonia Dukcevic of the research team. "Even better if he

comes from the rich northeast."

Venetian males headed the list, with 27 percent of women naming them as their preferred Romeo. Just eight percent of those polled — who ranged in age from 20 to 55 — thought Sicilians the sexiest, while the men of Naples were tops for 10 percent.

Crippling unemployment in Italy's South, which is twice the national average of 12.5 percent, appears to be taking its toll on the masculinity of the traditionally macho men there, Dukcevic said.

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Carnage and fear as Hollywood goes to war

By SUSAN KING

In terms of graphic horror and shocking visual images, there's never been a war movie quite like Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*.

The film, which recently opened in the US, is a far cry from the majority of war films - especially the propaganda movies of World War II - which were made to boost the country's spirits and encourage young men to enlist.

But over the decades, there have been numerous films that attempted to capture the intensity, carnage, fear and unbridled heroism of war. (Interestingly, many of the most emotionally devastating films were about World War I, which is often viewed as an example of meaningless slaughter.)

Because of censorship restraints, some of these films couldn't be as graphic as such recent war films as Oliver Stone's *Born on the Fourth of July* and Stanley Kubrick's *Full Metal Jacket*. Below are some of the memorable films made about World War I and II, and the Vietnam and Korean wars. The intensity level is rated on a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being the most intense.

rific expression on the dead Palanca's face has to be seen to be believed. Intensity Level: 3

Battleground (1949) Director: William A. Wellman

Spielberg cites this Oscar-winning classic as one of the best World War II films. Wellman, who directed *Wings* and himself was a flying ace in World War I, directed this powerful story about a squad of American foot soldiers from all walks of life trying to survive after they are trapped in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. The battle sequences are realistic for the time perhaps because screenwriter Robert Pirosh served in Bastogne. Intensity Level: 2

The Longest Day (1962)

Directors: Andrew Marton, Ken Annakin, Bernard Wicki

Mammoth, all-star dramatization of the D-Day invasion was a pet project of producer Darryl Zanuck. No expense was spared to ensure that the battle sequences were as realistic as possible for its day. One of the most memorable scenes features Red Buttons as a soldier whose parachute has trapped him in the roof of a church - who must helplessly watch his fellow paratroopers being gunned down by the Germans. Intensity Level: 2

Merrill's Marauders (1962)

Director: Samuel Fuller

World War II vet Fuller made several war films during his career, including *The Steel Helmet*, *Fixed Bayonets* and *The Big Red One*. The gritty *Marauders*, set in Burma in 1944, isn't as violent as contemporary films but features many realistic and suspenseful battle scenes as it follows a battalion of US soldiers fighting fatigue, hunger and disease as they push

behind Japanese enemy lines. Along the way, the battalion encounters snipers, mines and skirmishes before it engages in a magnificently staged, full-scale, brutal battle with the Japanese at a rail yard. Intensity Level: 2

When Trumpets Fade (1998)

Director: John Irvin

HBO's recent drama deals with a three-month meaningless battle in the winter of 1944-45 on the Belgian-German border that left more than 24,000 dead or wounded. Irvin, who also directed the bloody 1987 Vietnam actioner *Hamburger Hill*, doesn't spare viewers from the horrors of war. The opening scene features a private (Ron Eldard) carrying a wounded man through the woods. The soldier, though, is in too much pain to continue - the skin of the left side of his face is missing - so the private puts him out of his misery. The graphically realistic battle sequences feature limbs hanging from trees and extreme bloodshed. A scene in which one of the young soldiers screams as he's engulfed in flames is not for the squeamish. Intensity Level: 4

VIETNAM WAR

Born on the Fourth of July (1989)

Director: Oliver Stone

Stone's Oscar-winning biopic on Vietnam vet Ron Kovic (Tom Cruise) features two gripping battle sequences - one in which Kovic and company accidentally kill women and children in a village. While escaping that village, Kovic mistakenly kills his own man. During another brutal skirmish, Kovic is ripped apart - in slow-motion - by gunfire that renders him a paraplegic. Intensity Level: 3

Casualties of War (1989)

Director: Brian De Palma

De Palma's Vietnam study features a plethora of grim battle sequences. In one scene a soldier (Daren Burrows) walks on a mine, flies through the air and lands on several wooden stakes.

The most numbing scene deals with a young Vietnamese woman who is stabbed numerous times by a soldier. Because she doesn't die of her massive stomach wounds, she is ultimately shot to shreds by several soldiers as she walks toward them bleeding and crying in pain. Intensity Level: 3

The Deer Hunter (1978)

Director: Michael Cimino

The Vietnam sequences in Cimino's Oscar-winning epic still pack a wallop: A Viet Cong soldier tosses a grenade in an underground hiding place filled with women and children and shoots a crying woman and her baby. Of course, the Russian roulette scenes in which Robert De Niro, John Savage and Christopher Walken are forced by their sadistic captors to play the deadly game are still the most gruesome aspects of the film. Another bloodcurdling scene features a rat chewing on Savage's face while he's being held prisoner in a watery pit. Intensity Level: 4



Tom Berenger stars in Oliver Stone's Oscar-winning 'Platoon,' which features several gruesome in-your-face battle sequences.

Platoon (1986) Director: Oliver Stone

Stone's Oscar-winning movie features numerous in-your-face battle sequences filled with spitting blood, missing limbs, etc. Particularly gruesome moments include Tom Berenger being shot by Charlie Sheen and Kevin Dillon using the butt of his gun to crush the skull of a villager. Instead of showing the man's crushed skull, Stone has the villager's blood splatter over the soldiers' faces. Intensity Level: 4

KOREAN WAR

*M*A*S*H* (1970) Director: Robert Altman

Back in 1970, Altman's Oscar-winning black comedy warranted an R-rating due not only to the language and mature situations but also the extremely bloody surgery scenes. Though now rated PG, those scenes, like sawing off someone's leg juxtaposed with dark humor, still cause a chill to go up your spine. Intensity Level: 2

Men in War (1957) Director: Anthony Mann

That little film about a platoon of soldiers, led by grizzled Robert Ryan, surrounded by the enemy and their attempts to get back to their own line. Ryan's men are decimated by snipers, mines and bombs. The final battle sequence between Ryan's men and the North Koreans is a corker. Intensity Level: 3

WORLD WAR I

All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) Director: Lewis Milestone

Get out your hankies for this bravura antiwar film based on Erich Maria Remarque's novel that looks at the war through the eyes of a young German soldier (Lew Ayres).

The gung-ho private turns into a world-weary veteran as one by one he sees his friends being blown up, bombed or felled by machine gun fire. One of the grimmest scenes occurs when Ayres must share a foxhole during

a night attack with the dying French soldier he has stabbed. Intensity Level: 3

Gallipoli (1981) Director: Peter Weir

Weir offers a harrowing depiction of the World War I battle that found Australian soldiers being sent to their deaths against the stronger and better equipped Turkish troops. Watching the rows of young men being mowed down by machine gun fire as soon as they leave the trenches is a sickening experience. The finale featuring star Mark Lee being shot in the chest as he runs toward

the Turkish troops is one of cinema's classic moments. Intensity Level: 3

King and Country (1964)

Director: Joseph Losey

Depressing drama about a young soldier (Tom Courteney) on trial for desertion. Losey uses vintage photographs to illustrate the carnage. One graphic sequence finds the members of the squad slamming shovels into the stomach of a dead horse in order to flush out the rats hiding in the horse. They have their own mock trial and stone one of the rats to death. After a firing squad fails to kill Courteney, his attorney (Dirk Bogarde) is forced to shoot him in the mouth to finish the job. Intensity Level: 3

Paths of Glory (1957) Director: Stanley Kubrick

Kubrick took on the Vietnam War in 1987's *Full Metal Jacket*, but this anti-war film is far better. Kirk Douglas is forced to lead his decimated troops into battle against an impregnable German outpost. When the soldiers refuse to fight, three of the squad are put on trial and sentenced to death for cowardice. Kubrick captures the brutality and intensity of the battle through his sweeping dolly and tracking shots as the men are furiously ravaged by machine gun fire, shrapnel, grenades and mines. Intensity Level: 4

(Los Angeles Times)



Tom Cruise is a Vietnam vet in 'Born on the Fourth of July.'



Kirk Douglas (left) faces the brutality of war in 'Paths of Glory.'

'Better Days' are here again

comes at the expense of gratifying the instant listener.

The Palo Alto Sessions, largely selected from Reeves' '80s albums *Welcome to My Love* and *For Every Heart*, is as eclectic in song-selection as in the singer's treatments. Thirteen tracks include a radically revamped but still slow and romantic "My Funny Valentine," a funky, atmospheric cover of Jimmy Cliff's "Sitting in Limbo," and a seven-minute Childs composition "Lullaby," on which he reveals a marked Joe Zawinul influence. Reeves wrote a couple of the best tracks, including the charming "Better Days," on which she recalls posing childhood questions to her grandmother about love and morality, and requiring answers "before I fall off to sleep."

Although relatively young - Reeves was in her mid-20s when the first of these recordings were made - she has the maturity to restrain her gift. And, rare in a singer today, Reeves not only scats but does so with meaning. Whereas Ella Fitzgerald would often use scatting as a rhythmic or harmonic tool, Reeves utilizes her voice to give a song depth. She doesn't just scat - she ululates, warbles and emits sounds which defy description. Her voice isn't an instrument; it's a whole band. As she explains on the liner notes, "Improv is the utterance of your soul - what you can't say with words you might say with utterances."

In the global village of world music, Reeves' soulful, non-denominational utterances deserve a wider audience.

WHEN Miles Davis told Shirley Horn that she sings 'awful slow,' he must have meant it as a compliment, given his own enduring exploration of the spaces between the notes. Horn opened for Davis' early-Sixties quintet and the singer-pianist evidently enjoyed his



Miles Davis told Shirley Horn that she sings 'awful slow.'

respect. It was after hearing her renditions of "I Fall in Love Too Easily," "Basin Street Blues" and "Baby Won't You Please Come Home" (all beautifully played afloat on *I Remember Miles*) that he recorded his own covers of them on *Seven Steps to Heaven*.

With one exception, the titles on *I Remember Miles* aren't Davis compositions but rather standards he covered. The most remarkable thing about Horn's tribute to Davis is that nearly all nine tracks capture the understated style of Davis' late-'50s/early-'60s period. Her bassist Ron Carter and, to a lesser extent, drummer Al Foster both played with Davis, and, whether playing muted or open, trumpeter Roy Hargrove stays so close to Davis' spirit he sounds like a disciple, when in reality he is one of the most original of the horn players who emerged in the '80s.

Horn's original lines and some surprising chord changes breathe

fresh life into "Summertime" and "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'." The standout track, also from *Porgy and Bess*, is a 10-minute "My Man's Gone Now." Here we're in 1980s Miles-mode - the arrangement is taken from Davis' 1981 disc *We Want Miles*. This dark, sinister and growling rendition, its startling changes emphasized by a four-man rhythm section, almost overwhelms Horn's somewhat limited voice. Before meeting drummer Foster, she says, she used to play the song "really straight, with a little ad-libbing and maybe a small tempo change." Given the song's depressing lyrics, this heavy, throbbing treatment is as appropriate as it's powerful.

Sometimes Miles fans forget *Kind of Blue*'s "Blue in Green" because it's such a soft, subtle ballad. Horn's elegiac version is a perfect way to close this fine homage.

ISO inaugurates new home

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When maestro Mendi Rodan raises his baton on January 1 and leads his Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon LeZion in Beethoven's *Consecration of the House* overture, the act will be more than symbolic.

This will be the day when the ISO, for the first time in its decade-long history, will perform in its very own home, in the city that embraced it as an orchestra created for new immigrants from the former Soviet Union - who still comprise the core musicians of the ensemble.

The all-Beethoven program, the opening concert of the orchestra in its new home, is one of six different programs in the new venue, which features one program presented by the renowned visiting Collegium Bach from Japan under the baton of Masaki Suzuki, performing music by Bach as well as Handel's *Messiah*.

The ISO, which spends most of its time playing in the pit of the New Israeli Opera, has always maintained its own concert series as well.

After many seasons under the artistic directorship of Noam Sheriff and a short stint with Asher Fisch on its podium, Rodan arrived last season to make the orchestra a solid and proud symphonic ensemble.

Aside from the opening concert, Rodan also leads his orchestra next season in a special 10th anniversary concert, featuring the premiere of a concerto for flute, clarinet and horn commissioned from Israeli composer Benny Nagari, and an end-of-season concert focusing on light 20th-century music by Gershwin and Copland as well as excerpts from Bernstein's hilarious opera-cum-opera *Candide*.

In other programs, Daniel Gortler plays Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto in an all-Russian program conducted by Roman Kofman, and Karen Tenenbaum

plays Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole* in a Spanish evening conducted by Enrique Garcia Asensio.

All in all, this is a season with a popular classical and light classical music repertoire that should lure music lovers - not only from Rishon LeZion but from other parts of the country - to a concert hall that promises to be one of the most attractive in Israel.

Subscriptions to the six-concert ISO season range from NIS 295 to NIS 600 and are available at the orchestra offices, (03) 961-3599.

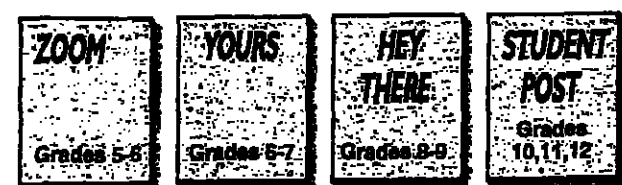
Subscriptions to the ISO's most popular family concert series (four concerts presented at both the new hall in Rishon LeZion and the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center) cost NIS 248 for new subscribers and NIS 216 for renewing ones.

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For senior gays only

As the baby-boomers near old age, a new industry is sprouting up — retirement villages for gays and lesbians, Julie Cart reports

As the largest group of senior citizens ever now barges into old age, it's clear that things are going to be mighty different.

On the leading edge of that generation are gay and lesbian senior citizens who are helping to define the new rules, starting with the basics: housing.

Nationwide, there are the beginnings of a move to develop and build retirement communities for older gays, and lesbians, a generally well-heeled segment of the senior population.

"Part of what's driving this, is that as lesbians and gays are getting older, they're looking for community," said Terry Kaelber, director of Senior Action in a Gay Environment, a New York City social service agency.

"Community is important. This generation lived in a time when they were labeled as sinners by the church, criminals by the legal system and sick by the medical establishment."

"What they have learned is that society does not value them. Our senior community has had to age with that." The construction of gay and lesbian senior communities is under way in traditional retirement havens from Florida — where the country's first such facility has been in business for more than a year — to California, future home of Our Town, where, a brochure says, "we can laugh at our own jokes, love who we want, and be accepted for who we are."

Such communities have existed in de facto forms for years. The Phoenix area is home to a handful of trailer and recreational vehicle parks that cater to lesbians with a "don't ask, don't tell" type of arrangement.

The same sort of unofficial gay communities exist in Florida, Texas, North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama — the front-line states for senior migration. Mostly, state and civic leaders are delighted to accommodate retirees, but this new wave of identified gay and lesbian housing developments sometimes clashes with local mores.

A lesbian trailer park in Apache Junction near Phoenix is one such example. For years, women have been living together quietly in the development, which is nestled next to the largest city of Mesa, the hub of the state's largest Mormon population.

The lesbian and gay retirement



Veronica St. Claire, seated, with her partner, is spearheading the effort to establish a gay and lesbian retirement community near Palm Springs, California. (Iris Schneider/Los Angeles Times)

community poses a potential problem for Arizona: Along with its warm weather, moderate cost of living and pro-growth climate, Arizona harbors a deeply conservative populace.

Its cultural clash is echoed around the country. A lesbian commune in Mississippi was burned out when locals learned of its existence.

Bill Laing expected some local turbulence a few years ago when he began to build the Palms of Manasota on 22 acres in Palmetto, Fla., near Sarasota. It is believed to be the nation's first gay and lesbian retirement village. But Laing, a former clinical psychologist, said there was no trouble once it became clear that he would be a good neighbor.

"We haven't encountered any homophobia, none," he said.

"Everyone knows what we're doing here. The City Council, the zoning commission — I've been in and out of there all the time for permits, and they know what I'm doing."

"I believe you change people's opinion about us not by parading, but by doing. I say, 'Let it be known.' I want people coming here, proud of themselves. I want people who aren't hiding from themselves or society."

Laing plans three phases of construction, from two- and three-bedroom homes for active seniors to homes designed for assisted living. About a third of the 21-unit first phase has sold, at prices from \$116,000 to \$132,000.

Niche marketing always has been a feature of retirement communities. For decades there have been

Jewish retirement villages, Catholic retirement villages, Lithuanian and Polish and Scottish retirement villages. Sociologists report a natural tendency for older people to seek the familiar and the safe.

Yet generations of social taboos have driven the current class of gay and lesbian senior citizens underground. Many don't identify themselves as gay or lesbian. So, the very group that is being targeted for these retirement developments is the most difficult to find.

Veronica St. Claire is the CEO of

L-word. You just don't. These people have a large circle of friends, and they all know who they are. There's never been any need to define it."

When word does get out about the new communities, it can bring life-changing results.

"I've had people calling me, jumping up and down for joy," said the developer of a lesbian-preferred senior housing complex in Florida who asked that neither she nor her facility be identified. "The sense of community is overwhelming."

ing Our Town — a retirement village for gays and lesbians — in the San Francisco Bay Area, said the message he's getting from focus groups is that they want gays and lesbians to do the financing, after years of being snubbed by traditional lending sources.

"They'd say, 'For years, Mr. Developer wouldn't have you over to his house for cocktails; now he'd like your \$350,000 to build a house.'"

Judging by the research, cities would do well to recruit gay and lesbian seniors. According to data compiled by the New York advertising firm Mulryan/Nash, gay and lesbian communities tend to be upscale, educated and professional.

According to other research, gay seniors spend more money shopping, going to films, attending concerts and dining out than do their straight counterparts.

"We have a lot of gay businesses in our city, and a lot of gay residents," said Warren Bradshaw, a housing specialist for the town of Cathedral City. "We are well aware of the spending power of our gay citizens." Bradshaw has been working with GLARP to identify suitable sites for the group's first project.

John Bernstein, a Los Angeles-based manure-market consultant, cautions that until traditional senior housing is fully exploited, the specialty market will not be fully developed. "Intuitively, it seems to make sense. It's just a matter of time. I think, for now, the developers will be coming from the gay community."

(Los Angeles Times)

"It's a terrible way to live your life — secret. So many women are already living together in retirement communities saying they are sisters. Here, everyone is free to be herself"

— Lesbian-preferred housing developer

GLARP, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Retiring Persons, which formed a year ago in Los Angeles. The service organization is planning a gay and lesbian retirement community in Cathedral City, Calif., near Palm Springs.

"We found that, like many segments of society, there is a need among gays and lesbians to congregate with their own," St. Claire said, noting that older gays and lesbians are likely to be deeply closeted.

"There are many older people who never use the G-word or the

ing. "It's a terrible way to live your life — to have a secret. So many women are already living together in retirement communities, saying they are sisters. Here, everyone is free to be herself. They are safe here."

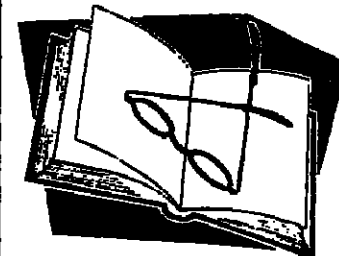
The developer, like most others, said she operates within fair-housing laws and would not refuse to sell to anyone.

Most developments being planned rely heavily on private financing, raised in the gay community.

Peter Lundberg, who's develop-

Recording the theories of Atlantis

Book Review



By James T. Cain

One would have thought that the story of Atlantis, a city said to have challenged ancient Athens before disappearing into the sea in a volcanic cataclysm, would be taken by intelligent and learned people as apocryphal, myth more than history.

One would be wrong. Scores of scholars have joined scores of charlatans in search of proof that the city-state that Plato first described actually existed.

Richard Ellis details their varied adventures in *Imagining Atlantis*. The cast ranges from James Mavor, an oceanographic engineer from Woods Hole, Mass.; to oceanic

eminence grise Jacques Cousteau; to Rudolph Steiner, a spiritualist who wrung 6,000 lectures and 300 books out of fanciful meditations on "prehistory." For others, including Sir Francis Bacon, Atlantis served as the blueprint for a moralizing fable.

Though tedious in places and repetitious in others, *Imagining Atlantis* is still quite a read. Ellis, author of other Atlantic explorations, *Monsters of the Sea* and *The Book of Whales*, is the sort of writer who brings to mind those trips to the library where you go to look up one thing and end up sidetracked into a dozen other interesting subjects. For Ellis, the legend of Atlantis is a departure point for an engaging explanation of the ancient world and natural phenomena.

In describing a tsunami, an oceanic disaster that could have subsumed Atlantis: "When the image of giant waves comes to mind, we usually envision great curling combers, like the 30-footers that daredevil surfers ride at places like Waimea Bay on the north shore of the Hawaiian island of Oahu. In fact, tsunamis do not look like that at all, but the popular perception is that they are gigantic, cresting, breaking waves."

In truth, tsunamis are great walls of water that "can achieve speeds of over 500 miles an hour — about the cruising speed of a jetliner." Imagine standing at the beach and seeing the ocean suddenly 100 feet above your head and coming at you like thunder.

Ellis explains why this is so (with an attention to detail seen in his precise description of where it is in Hawaii that we have so falsely based our misconceptions).

The Greek philosopher Plato was the first to tell the story of a civilization 9,000 years earlier that threatened Greece, was repelled and then vanished into the sea (the question of which

sea — Atlantic, Mediterranean, Aegean, even that around the Bahamas — has occupied Atlantean speculators ever since).

Atlantis, Plato said, was a civilization, beyond "the Pillars of Hercules," highly advanced and a model of a perfect government. While Plato's description of "the cave" in *The Republic* was obviously an allegory, many scholars came to embrace the notion that Atlantis, described in the later dialogues "Timaeus" and "Critias," had some sense of history to it. Plato ascribed the story to Solon, who was told of the island empire by Egyptian priests.

At the very least Plato's timing was off.

Ellis writes: "Nine thousand years before Plato was approximately 9500 B.C., and there is no archaeological evidence any-

For Ellis, the legend of Atlantis is a departure point for an engaging explanation of the ancient world and natural phenomena

where to suggest that humans of that time were creating anything but skin clothing, throwing sticks, and arrowheads." Some postulated that Plato was off by a factor of 10 and that the real Atlantis was the Minoan culture of

ancient Crete about 1400 B.C. The conventional wisdom that Plato's "Pillars of Hercules" was Gibraltar has been challenged as variously the Straits of Messina or some other place in the Aegean Sea, closer to the philosopher's known world.

Ellis writes in his conclusion that if Atlantis existed, it's not something past research has proven.

"Whether Plato fabricated his account out of whole cloth or incorporated some vaguely remembered tales out of the collective Greek past, we will never know, for certain. Plato told us precisely where Atlantis was located and approximately how big it was ('opposite...the Pillars of Hercules, an island larger than Libya and Asia combined'), but because they are unable to reconcile these data with their own presumptions, Atlantologists have repeatedly rearranged its size and location."

Which is pretty much the problem: Take one Greek philosopher who lived 2,500 years ago, who was probably inventing science fiction, add a bunch of people looking for a name for themselves, and add something that can't be found to be true or false. For some people, it's a living.

The book recounts their various labors, science and archaeology. If nothing else, the search for Atlantis resulted in a fuller understanding of the Minoan and Mycenaean cultures of Crete, whether or not Thera, a Minoan city, was Atlantis, as Mavor believed.

Ellis notes Plato's description of Atlantis' size many times, but he never tells us what Plato envisioned as "Libya and Asia combined." Surely Plato's geography was limited; after all the world was still flat.

It's certainly conceivable that the ancients knew more than we might give them credit for. So Atlantis may have been — somewhere — or not. (The Hartford Courant)

No effort made to stem our growing garbage

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Anyone who has paid any attention over the last couple of years knows that Israel has a serious problem with its solid waste disposal.

The collapse of the Hiriya garbage-disposal mountain during the heavy rains wasn't a surprise to anyone — environmentalists and sanitation experts had been predicting it for years. The danger to aircraft at Ben-Gurion Airport posed by the countless birds hovering over the garbage mountain was also just a catastrophe in the waiting.

So now they finally closed Hiriya and trucks daily carry Tel Aviv's garbage down to the Negev. But there is not an unlimited amount of space there either. Jerusalem disposal sites are already nearing saturation point, as are those of every other Israeli city and quite a number of local councils.

Israel, unlike more enlightened nations, neither recycles nor incinerates, and there is no effort whatsoever to reduce solid waste, quite to the contrary.

Israel has a thriving plastics industry while the rest of the industrialized world is aiming to produce less of this nonbiodegradable material. Its production is



The Hiriya dump has finally been closed, but that has not alleviated the country's waste disposal problem.

highly polluting, as well. Most plastic products, particularly the so-called disposable ones, end up in the garbage and this is a multifold problem.

Firstly, the plastic stays around for decades and possibly for centuries. If burned, it produces noxious, potentially dangerous, and in some cases lethal fumes.

There is also the matter of volume.

First we get giant-sized disposable soft-drink bottles — "family

size" they call them. Then we get a whole line of soap powders and detergents in plastic pails too small to be of any use once empty.

Then come the two-liter plastic jugs of milk. Now, anyone can tell you that if you need two liters of milk, the second liter will keep better in an unopened bag than in a jug that is constantly opened, taken out of the refrigerator and often left out for a while, particularly at family breakfasts.

But the final straw is that sugar

is now being sold in a one-kilo plastic jar. Almost everyone has a sugar canister or can get one and use it for years. Yet, there is the sugar on the supermarket shelf, not a paper bag in sight, just a row of immaculate plastic jars.

All of these quite unnecessary additions to the packaging of food add an incredible burden on the landfills.

While municipalities and the local and district councils pay for disposal by the ton, the garbage

dumps are filled by volume. Believe me, you can put a lot of plastic milk bags into the space occupied by a two-liter milk jug. It makes one wonder what will come packaged next in useless, unnecessary and space-occupying containers: flour? dog and cat food? kitty litter? beans? dried peas? noodles?

There must still be something we can do to fill up more space in the waste system. I'm sure there's someone trying to think of it right now.

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Israel's high-tech postal museum

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Stamps are low technology, sending letters on their way with only a dollop of saliva rather than a click of the keyboard. So it was quite a challenge to make Israel's Postal and Philatelic Museum attractive to the young visitors who are increasingly abandoning conventional letter writing for electronic communications.

Eliav Nahlieli, the designer and contractor of the Postal Authority's \$5 million new muse-

um on the campus of Tel Aviv's Eretz Yisrael Museum, succeeded in this seemingly impossible job. The temptation, of course, would have been to erect endless glass display cases presenting the many hundreds of different stamps issued since the first Doar Ivri in 1948. But such an approach would soon cause a visitor's eyes to glaze over and his attention to dissipate. Even the dyed-in-the-wool philatelist would get bored.

Instead, Nahlieli—who studied art at the Bezalel Institute and has

a degree in museumology (there is such a thing) from Tel Aviv University—used high technology to explain the history of Israel's stamps and postal service. And it is never boring.

"This was one of the most difficult assignments I've ever had," says the designer, who—with his team—transformed an empty, two-story pavilion into an eye-catching museum in only four months. Red, the color adopted by the Postal Authority years ago, is dominant throughout the museum that is built

on several levels bridged by ramps. Half a dozen post boxes in red, yellow and green—some currently in use and others long retired—are near the front door.

Just inside, there's a massive postal van from around 1948, brightly painted in red and white and looking as if it just rolled off the assembly line. It actually never delivered mail, Nahlieli said.

"We looked all over the country for a retired mail delivery van from the earliest years of the state," the designer recalls. "But we just didn't succeed. All of them had been junked. We looked for the next best thing—a Ford van of the same type that we could refit."

Nahlieli contacted friends from the vintage-car "Club of Five," which refers to the five-digit numbers on license plates of decades-old vehicles. One club member named Udi had a 1949 green Ford van that he was refurbishing and wanted to sell.

"It had belonged to the Greek Orthodox church in Haifa and was used as a hearse for transporting corpses. Years later, it was a bread-delivery van for the Berman bakery in Jerusalem," Nahlieli recalls with a smile. He bought it on the spot for \$10,000, and drove it to the museum (at 2 Rehov Haim Levanon, in Ramat Aviv).

But it needed work, and vintage-car experts helped Nahlieli obtain original parts from the US, including brake lights and door handles (the left handle was installed on the driver's door hours before the museum's opening in May).

A metal mesh divider was put in behind the driver's seat, and an old-



A 1949 Ford made over to look like an authentic mail delivery van is on display at the country's new Postal and Philatelic Museum in Tel Aviv.

style accordion leather folder for sorting mail by address was plunked down in the passenger's seat. It looks completely authentic.

The history of postal services that operated in the region—Ottoman, Austrian, French and German—is imaginatively displayed along two walls. The front is see-through gauze printed like an envelope. Posters, photographs and illustrations are mounted inside on clear glass panels enhanced by an interactive lighting system.

Nahlieli says that his most exciting experience at the museum's opening was the arrival of 88-year-old Moshe Zussman, a telegraph messenger in 1926 whose photo is on display behind the gauze.

A fascinating collection of telephones used in Israel since the first half of this century are also included in the museum's collection. But there is no mention of the fact that in Bezeq's early years the wait for a phone line was years (sometimes even a decade) long.

Video films, animation and multimedia tell the story of the post over the past 2,500 years on a large

screen in the hall; visitors may listen to the dialogue in Hebrew or English on earphones.

A collection of old films, depicting the themes of dozens of Israeli stamps that captured historic moments in the state's history—from David Ben-Gurion declaring independence to Yitzhak Rabin shaking hands with Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn—is shown continuously.

Also on show is an old manual press that Nahlieli found in Safed. Painted black to cover rust and age, it looks quite spruce and is still functional, he says.

A giant ring-binder "photo album," which stands upright on the floor and nearly reaches the ceiling, displays many of the country's colorful stamps, holding them behind perspex like the wax-paper rows in authentic albums. Classified in chronological order, they show the changes in stamp design over the decades.

But probably the most imaginative way of displaying stamps—which Nahlieli has registered for a patent—integrates the traditional philatelist's tool, the magnifying

glass, and a computer.

There's a table covered with 150 different stamps under glass, and a magnifying glass connected to an armature that allows the user to focus on a single item. The armature has five buttons, one to click to locate the same stamp in the computer's database, and the rest to manipulate the cursor on the screen.

Once you select a stamp, the database offers related information on the topics it depicts. Kids in particular will be drawn to these interactive devices.

Nahlieli says this unique technology could be used for many other purposes, including the display of a numismatic collection (coins).

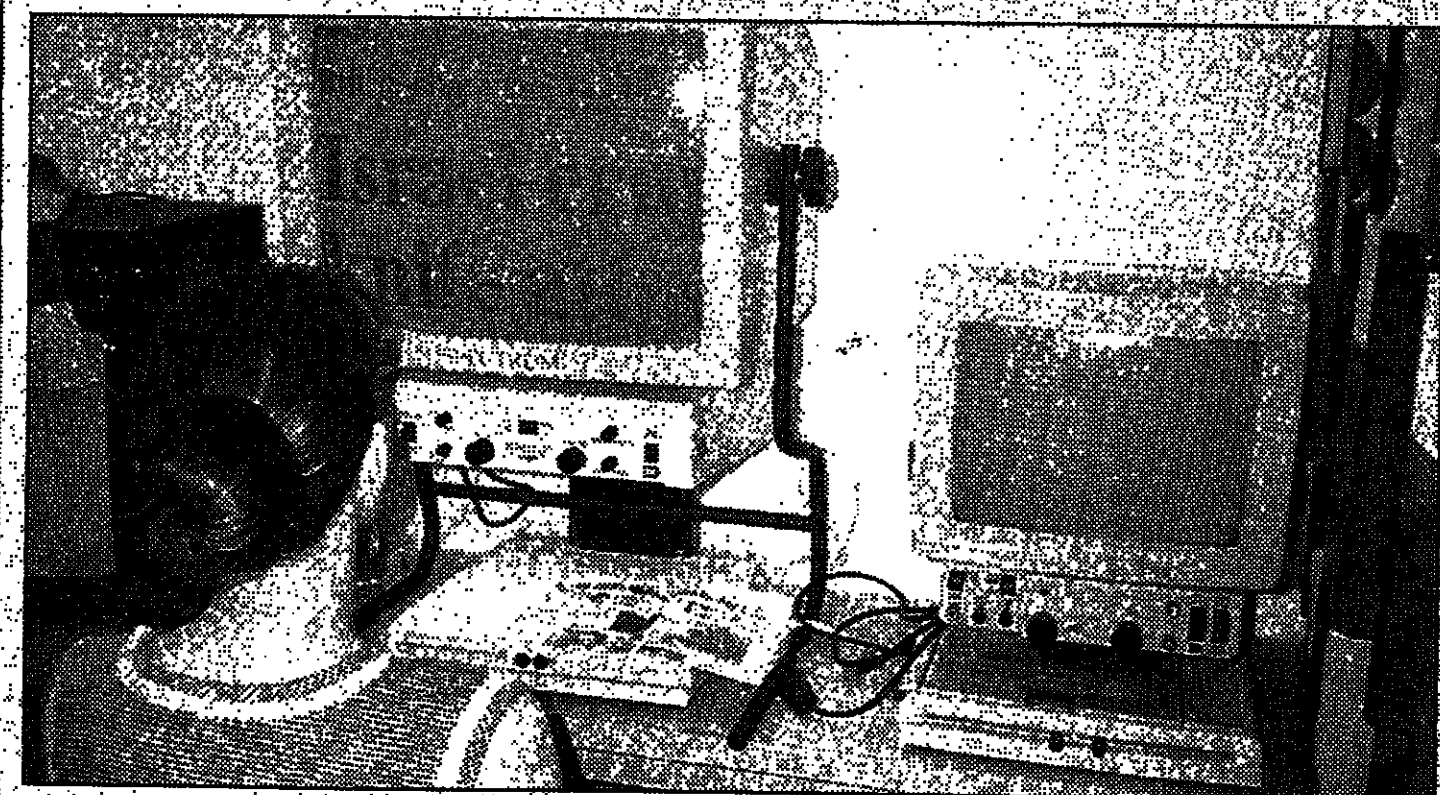
Nearly every modern country in the world has at least one postal museum.

Now Israel finally has its own, and the postal museum in Tel Aviv is one of the most technologically advanced in the world. Postal Authority director-general Moshe Tery, an enthusiastic backer of the project, says the museum is an appropriate gift for Israel's jubilee celebration.



The museum integrates the traditional philatelist's tool—the magnifying glass—with the computer, enabling viewers to browse through large database and focus on a single stamp. (Israel Sun)

Boosting the blind into cyberspace



New optical aids like this "personal reader" are making it easier for the blind to get on the information highway.

By PAUL VALENTINE

Richard Ring sat at his computer, tapping at the keyboard. He nimbly logged onto the Internet. A few more keystrokes and a query box popped onto the screen. Ring typed in the words "coral snake." Moments later, the screen announced 738 "hits."

Routine Net surfing? Hardly. Ring is blind, and his Internet voyage was accompanied by a voice synthesizer that talked him, keystroke by keystroke, through each step.

Ring, 47, chief of international Braille and technology for the National Federation of the Blind in Baltimore, is one of a growing number of the estimated 535,000 blind Americans who regularly use computers for work, education and pleasure.

With technological breakthroughs occurring almost daily in text-to-voice scanners, with Braille printers and specially designed software to help overcome the barriers of icons and other graphics of the visually oriented World Wide Web, blind users are finding it easier to get on the information highway.

"There are lots of bumps on the road, but we're getting there," said Curtis Chong, the federation's director of technology.

"There are a lot of things on the Internet we still can't use, but more are becoming available."

Traditionally confined to books and other documents published in Braille or recorded on audiocassettes, the blind are being encouraged by the federation and other organizations to develop computer skills, not only to enjoy the fruits of the Internet but also to enhance their employability in an increasingly computer-dependent work world.

Despite training and work facilities designed specifically for the blind, such as Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, nation-

wide unemployment of the blind stands at 70 percent, according to federation estimates.

Making computers user-friendly for blind people involves several mechanical and electronic adjustments. Fundamental among them is elimination of the mouse and replacement of all mouse functions with keystrokes. The user then tabs up, down and across the screen, using the directional arrow, "enter" and other keys to manipulate the cursor.

As the cursor moves, an electronic "screen reader" scans any text it encounters and reads signals to a synthesizer that converts the written words to voice. If the cursor is moving through a blank area of the screen, the voice synthesizer says "blank" with each keystroke until the cursor comes to a block of text, where it starts reading.

When Ring called up "coral snake," he tabbed to a document called "Everglades Coral Snake," and the voice began, in a steady monotone: "A coral snake has a black head with alternating red, yellow and black stripes."

Ring and others say there are two major stumbling blocks in converting written language to voice on the computer screen: graphics, and any text arranged in columns.

The device cannot read a graphic, such as an icon or photograph, and simply calls it a "graphic," or it reads a coded image file name assigned to the graphic by Web site designers that sounds like gibberish, such as "pic-dot-gif."

To get around this, blind users can electronically label icons with brief descriptions that can be scanned by screen readers. With photographs and other more complex pictures, Web sites must be specially designed, with additional captions, or text descriptions, that translate image file names into simple terms, such as "great globe of earth" or "Orion's logo." Few sites are designed with that feature.

Similarly, text arranged in columns is a problem because screen readers scan horizontally from left to right across the entire screen, rather than down one column at a time before moving to the next. However, a small but growing number of sites are being designed to permit column reading. Others have reformatted columnar text to read left to right.

Still, another feature helping the blind is a "fast-only" button, which when activated by the user instructs the screen reader to skip graphics and read only text in the voice synthesizer.

To encourage the spread of special sites, the World Wide Web Consortium, a network of academic and computer industry specialists based in Boston, recently issued formatting guidelines for Web page designers to make sites more accessible not only to the blind but to deaf and other disabled users.

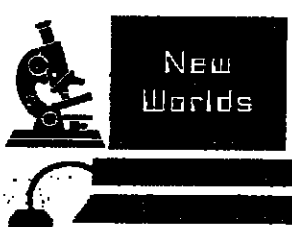
Chong of the National Federation of the Blind hopes the work will spread. So many Web sites, especially commercial ones, he said, are cluttered with graphics that "make them look pretty, and sell lots of products, but blind people can't use them."

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland is Baltimore's leading agency for the blind. It includes graphics—a major barrier in the cyberworld. It contains information for both blind and sighted people, ranging from job openings and vocational training for the blind to lists of products, manufacturers and sold by Blind Industries, such as paper notepads, ion bags, floor care chemicals and washcloths.

The site was specifically designed to include graphics, said Blind Industries spokeswoman Angela Hartley. "We didn't want just a plain boring screen because sighted people use the site as well," she said.

(The Washington Post)

'2000 bug' won't put out the lights



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

The "2000 bug," which threatens to topple computer systems that haven't been adequately programmed to cope with four-digit dates, could cause a lot of problems here towards the end of next year. But at least there's a good chance that we won't be left without electricity.

The Israel Electric Corporation has already conducted dry runs on a quarter of all the gas turbines providing power in the country—and they have passed the test with flying colors.

It has just concluded tests on the power facilities at the Tzafit station in the south, which has a large switching station transferring electricity from the Rutenberg power plant south of Ashkelon. Previously, "2000 bug" tests on the Astarot gas turbines in northern Jerusalem were also successful.

IEC director-general Rafi Peled says that the "2000 bug" threatens

electricity networks around the world. These critical systems are based on computers that could shut down if they don't recognize four-digit dates, instead of the two-digit ones used at the end of the 20th century.

The company is spending 1998 preparing for the changeover, and will use 1999 to implement changes in the computer systems. The first two tests were conducted by a special IEC team with help from the outside consulting firm Tescom.

SPHERICAL 'CHIPS' MAY BE IN COMPUTERS' FUTURE

The silicon chip may become obsolete if a US company has its way. Ball Semiconductor Inc. (BSI) believes eventually silicon circuits will be spherical rather than square.

Microchips got their name because they are "chipped" off a flat silicon wafer upon which circuits have been etched. But wafer processing is slow and expensive, says BSI. Instead, it says it's close to making computer processors in the form of silicon spheres.

The company claims to have used conventional lithography to etch diodes onto the surface of a silicon sphere one millimeter in diameter; it is now working on

ways to speed up and refine the production process.

BSI, which has already raised \$52 million in financing, claims that it should be able to build a production line for \$100 million—a tenth of the cost of a conventional chip plant.

Ram Ramamurthy, vice-president for R&D at BSI, which is based near Dallas, Texas, says the company will be able to make processors so cheaply because its production method assimilates the different processes involved, eliminating the need for vast clean rooms. Keeping a production line free from the microscopic dirt particles that can cripple chips is a very costly business, he says.

Instead, BSI wants to do everything—from making the silicon spheres to packaging the circuits—in one continuous process. It hopes to be able to produce ball circuits in days, rather than the weeks it typically takes to make chips.

In place of clean rooms, BSI is proposing to process the spheres in hermetically sealed quartz tubes two millimeters wide. The spheres will be shuttled through the various steps of the production process along these tubes. This technique could not be used for chips: the balls emerge only when the circuits are being etched.

Using the great underground for home heating and cooling

By TARA BRADLEY-STECK

Hundreds of kilometers from the nearest hot spring and more than 1,600 kilometers from any good-sized geyser, Joe Minyon is boring deep into the ground to heat and cool his home in Rector, Pennsylvania.

He's one of a growing, albeit still relatively small, number of people bypassing natural gas, propane and heating oil in favor of geothermal systems, which can save homeowners 25% to 65% in energy bills. And they don't have to be anywhere near geothermal activity.

"It is the most energy-efficient system in the world," Minyon said during a recent tour of the 1,400-square-meter stone home he is building in Westmoreland County, about 80 kilometers west of Pittsburgh.

"This was a big chore, because I was born and raised in an all-natural gas area. No way was I going to change. But once I started, there was no turning back," he said.

Geothermal systems are basically electric-powered heat pumps connected to piping buried deep in the ground, laid on a lake bottom or run down a well. Because the temperature below ground is fairly constant—around 11 degrees Celsius in Pennsylvania—geothermal energy is simple to tap. Water and biodegradable antifreeze circulate in underground pipes to harness that energy in heat pumps.

Similar to the way a refrigerator

works, a geothermal heat pump wrings the warmth from the liquid in the pipe loop. In its cooling mode, the pump uses the same liquid to carry heat out of the home and into the earth.

In a field next to Minyon's castle-like home, workers laid plastic pipe filled with water and antifreeze into several rows of trenches, which then will be covered with earth and landscaped. Weeks before, workers already had drilled holes 10 centimeters in diameter and 50 meters deep in a semi-circle around the home and dropped in more pipe filled with the same water and antifreeze mixture. A typical 186-square-meter house would use only three or four holes.

The technology is called geothermal, but some say a better name is geoechange or ground source because the word "thermal" is misleading.

"There's a connotation that this was a geyser, this was Old Faithful," said Forrest Heinrich of WaterFurnace International Inc., which manufactured the system in Minyon's new house. "We're not running nature's steam through a house; we're removing heat from the earth."

A 1993 study by the US Environmental Protection Agency found that geothermal systems are the most energy-efficient, least polluting heating and cooling technology available today in most of the country.

An estimated 300,000 to 400,000

homes and other buildings have geothermal systems, according to the Washington-based Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium. About 50,000 geothermal systems were sold last year, a 22 percent increase over the preceding year, the consortium says.

Geothermal heat pumps cost almost double to install but up to two-thirds less to operate than electric baseboard heat or conventional fossil fuel furnaces and hot water heaters. The savings are smaller but also significant on air conditioning.

Heat pumps also are generally safer, steadier, quieter and less obtrusive than conventional systems, according to Heinrich and Minyon. Yet they represent only 1 percent of all heating and cooling systems in the US, partly because of perceptions and a reluctance to change.

"This industry is being spread by word-of-mouth, which is a slow process at times," Heinrich said.

According to the US Department of Energy, about half of all sales of geothermal systems in 1996 were in the South—from Maryland to Texas. That interest is due to the high numbers of new homes being built there and the area's high demand on both heating and air conditioning, said Harvey Sachs, technical director of the consortium. "When you're satisfying both those needs, that is when it becomes real cost efficient," he said.

(Associated Press)

Agassi knocks Sampras from top spot

TORONTO (AP) — Andre Agassi kept his impressive run going while keeping Pete Sampras from staying No. 1.

The eighth-seeded Agassi beat the top-seeded Sampras 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, 6-2 Friday night in the quarterfinals of the du Maurier Canadian Open tennis tournament.

Agassi, a three-time champion in this event, has won four tournaments this season, including both he has entered the last two weeks, improving his ranking more than 100 spots to No. 11. Agassi also beat Sampras in February for the championship of the Sybase Open.

His latest win will prevent Sampras from staying on top of the ATP world rankings. Sampras needed to win this event for the first time to maintain his No. 1 ranking. That spot will now be taken by Chile's Marcelo Rios, who briefly held the No. 1 spot earlier this year when Sampras was struggling to find his game.

Sampras won the first set in just over an hour, but the Wimbledon champion was nowhere to be found after that as Agassi won the second set in 28 minutes and the third in 30 minutes.

"Once his legs start going he becomes a different player," Agassi said of Sampras.

After the first set it was clear Agassi was the fresher of the two. Both had to play two matches Friday because of a rain delay Thursday, but Agassi was the one with eagerness in his game.

Sampras seemed more pre-occupied with line judges and close shaves. "As the match went on, I felt myself getting slower and slower," Sampras said. "He didn't have to do much in the second and the third sets."

In yesterday's semifinals, Agassi was set to face No. 6 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, while third-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia was slated to meet No. 7 Tim Henman of England.

In the other quarterfinals, Rafter defeated No. 5 Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-3, 6-2; Henman beat unseeded Daniel Vacek of the

Czech Republic 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; and Krajicek beat No. 4 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia 6-4, 6-4.

Agassi advanced to the quarterfinals with a 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over No. 10 Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, who lost the match when he double-faulted on match point.

Williams out of Toshiba Venus Williams withdrew due to a leg injury Friday from her quarterfinal-round match against France's Mary Pierce in the \$450,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic at Carlsbad, California.

Williams, the No. 3 seed, retired after falling behind 4-0 in the third set with what she said was patella tendinitis in her left knee.

Williams, 18, won the first set 6-2, Pierce the second 7-6 (7-3).

Williams said she wasn't worried the injury might keep her out of the US Open at the end of the month.

"I don't feel that it's going to be something that's going to hold me back," she said. "It's something that's temporary right now."

Second-seeded Lindsay Davenport moved into the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over eighth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France in the featured night match.

Davenport rallied from 3-0 deficits in each set to beat Tauziat, runner-up this year at Wimbledon. Williams, ranked fifth in the world, said the knee flared up at 4-4 in the second set.

After holding serve to go up 6-5 in the set, Williams limped noticeably to her court-side chair and requested an injury timeout. After receiving treatment from a WTA trainer, Williams returned with a bandage on her left knee.

The injury clearly hampered Williams for the remainder of the match before she retired.

Fourth-seeded Monica Seles continued to feel the effects of a back injury that has plagued her since last month. Seles, who defeated Aj Sugiyama of Japan 6-4, 6-3 in another quarterfinal match, said her back continues to "spasm after every match."

ST. LOUIS (AP) — THE St. Louis Cardinals had their biggest offensive outburst of the season with a 11-run first inning, but Mark McGwire stayed stuck at 45 homers as the Cardinals routed the Chicago Cubs 16-3 Friday night.

McGwire went 1-for-4 with a walk and has not homered in 28 at-bats since July 28 against Milwaukee. He was given the day off on Wednesday when the Cardinals played at the Brewers.

Sammy Sosa, second to McGwire with 43 homers, went 0-for-3 with a walk.

St. Louis, which rallied from a 3-0 deficit, had its biggest inning since an 11-run eighth in a 16-8 win over San Francisco on May 9, 1996 — also the last time the Cardinals scored 16 runs. The team record is a 12-run third of a 23-3 win against Philadelphia on Sept. 16, 1996.

Reds 17, Brewers 0 Reggie Sanders, Sean Casey and Aaron Boone hit bases-loaded doubles in a 12-run sixth inning as Cincinnati overwhelmed host Milwaukee.

Cincinnati, which posted the largest shutout win in the majors in three years, sent 16 batters to the plate against Brad Woodall (5-6) and two relievers for its biggest inning in nine years. The Reds got four at-bats with the bases loaded and produced a walk and three doubles as they pushed the lead to 14-0.

The Reds piled up 14 hits and seven walks in their second-biggest offensive output this season; they beat Colorado 18-7 at Coors Field on April 10.

Braves 5, Giants 0 Tom Glavine pitched a three-hitter and Chipper Jones hit his 27th homer as visiting Atlanta notched its major league-leading 15th shutout.

Danny Bautista and Javy Lopez also hit solo homers for the Braves, who have won 12 of 16. On Thursday, the Braves added a three-hit shutout, that from Greg Maddux in a 5-0 win over Cincinnati.

Glavine (15-4), 9-1 on the road this year, pitched his second complete game of the year, striking out four and walking two. It was his 16th career shutout, his first since last Sept. 10 at Los Angeles.

Mets 8, Rockies 7 Mike Piazza enjoys hitting in



CLEAN SWIPE — Pirates' Tony Womack steals second base as Dodgers SS Mark Grudzielanek applies late tag in first-inning action. Los Angeles won, 3-1.

Coors Field. Even during slumps, he's gotten himself back on track. Piazza hit his 12th homer in 22 games at Coors Field, driving in three runs as New York scored the first seven runs.

Piazza went 3-for-5 as is 45-for-100 at Coors Field with 37 RBIs.

Padres 6, Marlins 3 (13) Carlos Hernandez hit a three-run homer with one out in the bottom of the 13th inning after Randy Myers blew his first save opportunity in his second stint with the Padres.

Hernandez hit a full-count pitch from Justin Speier (0-1) to left-center for his eighth homer to end the 4-hour, 15-minute game. Greg Vaughn singled leading off the 13th and Ruben Rivera walked with one out.

Myers, obtained as a left-handed complement to closer Trevor Hoffman in a waiver deal with Toronto on Thursday, bailed Andy Ashby out of an eighth-inning jam, then struggled badly in the ninth.

Dodgers 3, Pirates 1 Brian Bohannon allowed two hits in 7 1/2 innings, giving up just one earned for the fifth straight start, as Los Angeles won at home.

Charles Johnson led off the third with his 16th homer, helping the Dodgers end a three-game losing

streak. The Pirates have lost 10 of 12 to drop a season-worst 14 games under .500.

Diamondbacks 6, Expos 4 Jay Bell hit his 15th homer, and Andy Fox had a two-run triple as Arizona won on the road.

Brian Anderson allowed four runs and eight hits in 7 1/2 innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Yankees 8, Royals 2

Despite sitting several regulars, host New York pushed its record to 53 games over .500 for the first time this season with the double-header sweep.

In the second game, Rookie Shane Spencer, playing right field so Paul O'Neill could get some rest, went 5-for-5 with his first two major league homers and David Wells (14-2) ran his home record to 9-0 for the Yankees, who have beaten the Royals six straight times this season.

In the opener, David Cone became the majors' first 16-game winner and Darryl Strawberry homered.

Bernie Williams hit a two-run homer and Luis Sojo drove in three runs in the night game.

Spencer hit a solo homer in the seventh inning, then connected on a two-run shot in a five-run eighth. It was the first five-hit game for a

Yankee this season. Torre rested O'Neill, Tino Martinez, Darryl Strawberry and Scott Brosius in the second game, and the Yankees didn't miss a beat. Spencer and Sojo, replacing O'Neill and Martinez, went a combined 8-for-10 with five runs scored and six RBIs.

Rangers 7, Red Sox 4 Juan Gonzalez hit his 33rd homer, extending his major league-leading RBI total to 118, and John Burkett pitched 6 1/2 innings.

Brady Anderson homered twice and had a career-high five hits and Harold Baines homered and drove in five runs as the red-hot Baltimore Orioles posted a home run.

Cal Ripken added a three-run homer and Eric Davis extended his hitting streak to 23 games with an eighth-inning single for the Orioles, who won their fourth straight game and improved to 21-5 since the All-Star break. Baltimore also pulled within 7 1/2 games of the Red Sox in the AL wild-card race.

American League					National League				
	W	L	PCT.	GB		W	L	PCT.	GB
East					East				
New York	82	29	.739	—	Atlanta	77	39	.664	—
Boston	66	47	.584	17	New York	61	52	.540	14 1/2
Baltimore	59	55	.518	24 1/2	Philadelphia	56	58	.491	20
Toronto	56	59	.487	28	Montreal	47	69	.405	30
Tampa Bay	44	68	.393	38 1/2	Florida	41	75	.353	36
Central					Central				
Cleveland	64	50	.561	—	St. Louis	69	46	.600	—
Kansas City	52	63	.452	12 1/2	Chicago	64	52	.552	5 1/2
Minnesota	51	62	.451	12 1/2	Pittsburgh	57	58	.496	12
Chicago	49	63	.438	14	St. Louis	54	60	.474	14 1/2
Detroit	46	67	.407	17 1/2	Cincinnati	52	64	.448	17 1/2
West					Pittsburgh	5	65	.440	18 1/2
Texas	63	51	.553	—	West				
Anaheim	60	53	.531	2 1/2	San Diego	75	41	.647	—
Seattle	52	62	.456	11	San Francisco	62	54	.534	13
Oakland	52	63	.452	11 1/2	Los Angeles	59	57	.509	16
					Colorado	52	64	.448	23
					Arizona	44	71	.383	30 1/2

Thursday's AL results: Kansas City 8, Minnesota 7; Seattle at Detroit, ppd., rain. Thursday's NL results: NY 9, San Francisco 8; Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 1; Montreal 9, Los Angeles 0; Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2 (11); Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 0.

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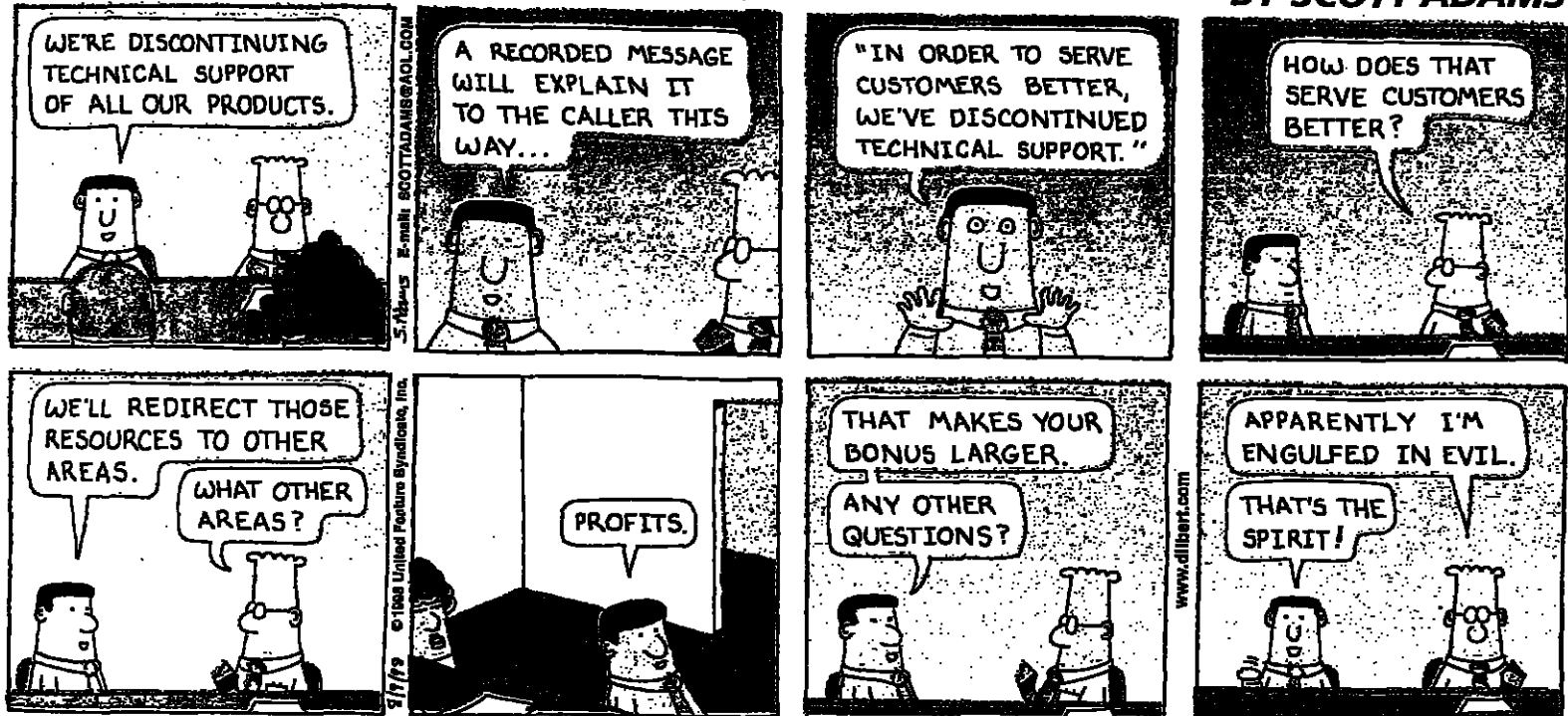
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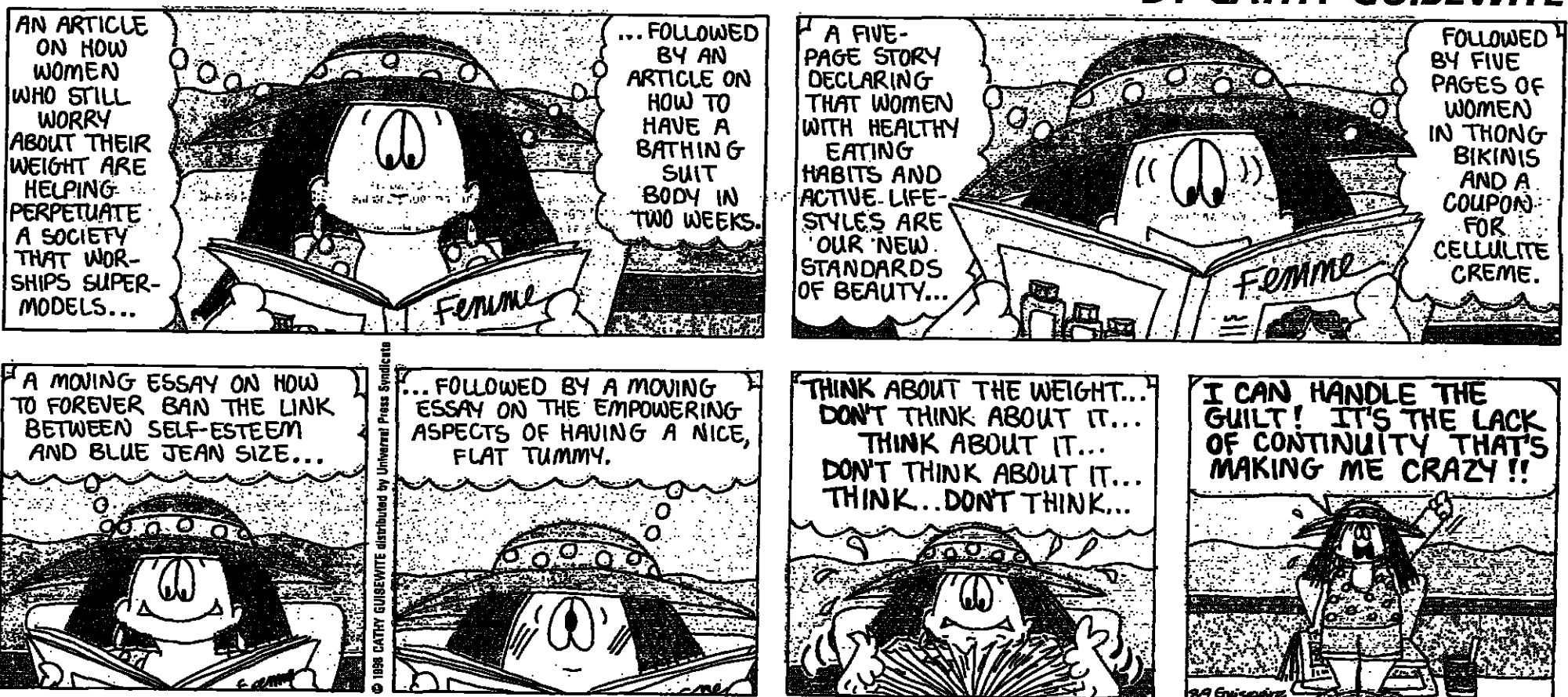
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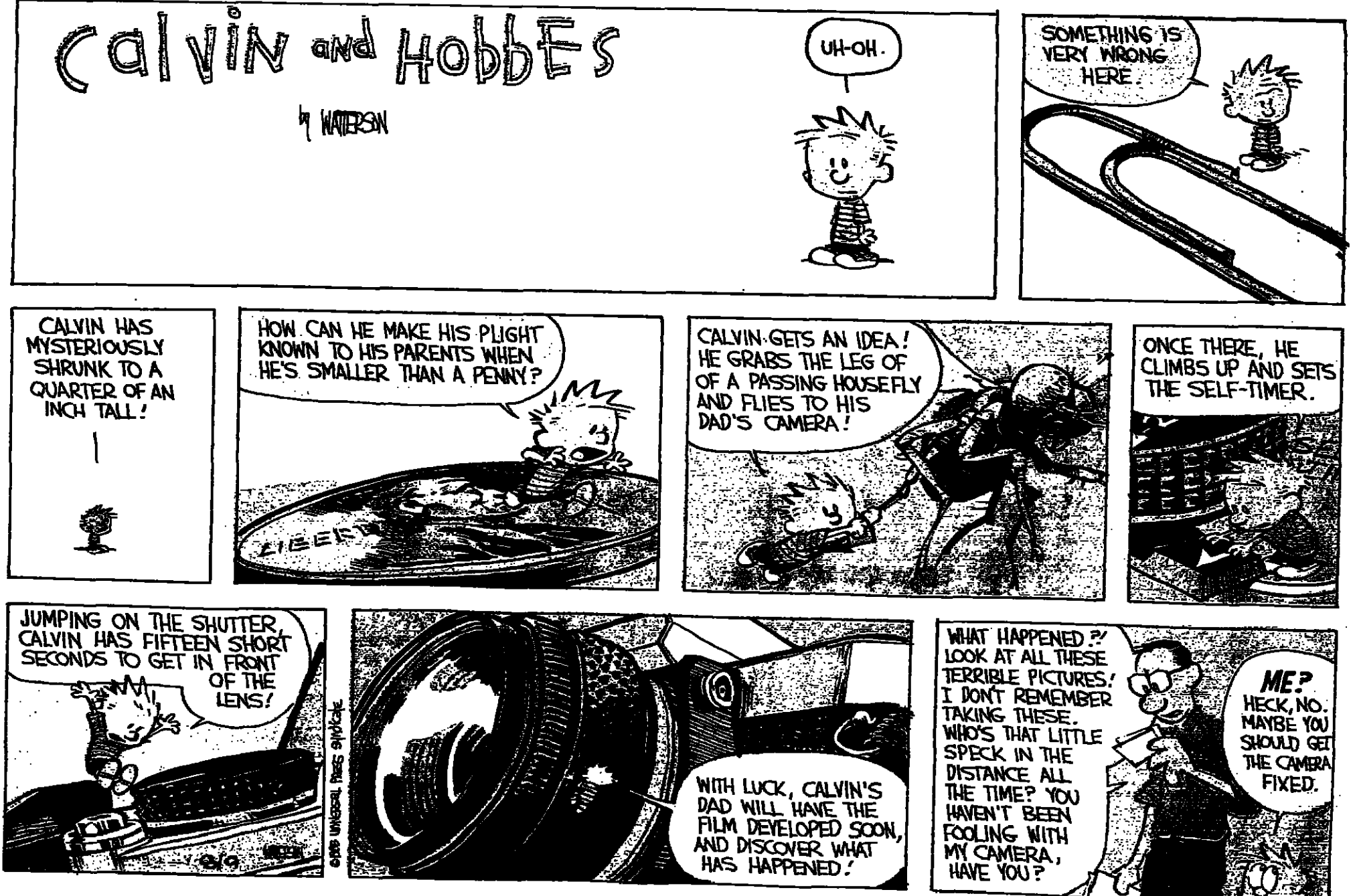
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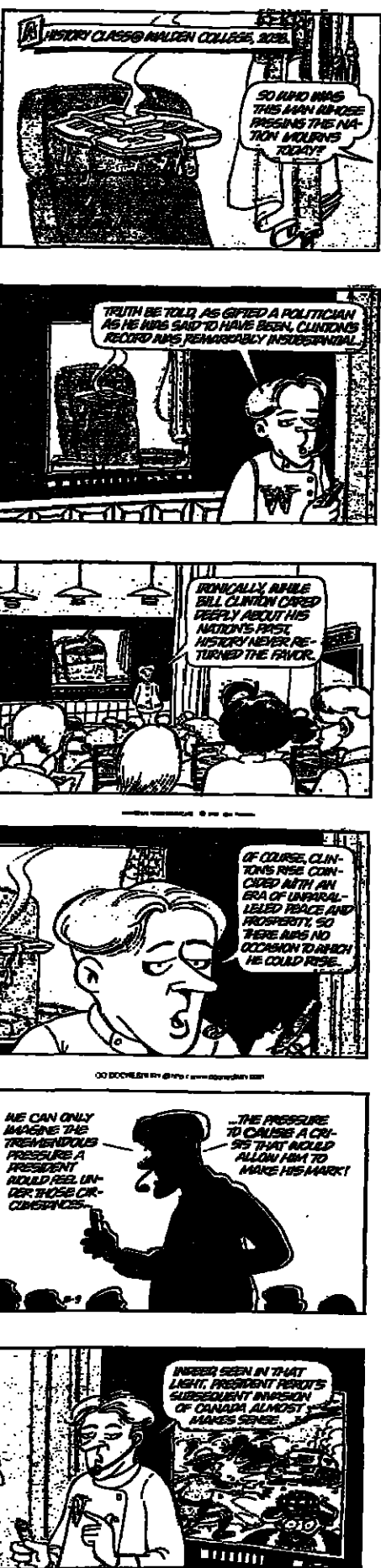
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Victor Dereviako presents a masterclass today at 4 p.m. in Kfar Blum as part of the International Piano Masterclasses program on the kibbutz. The class is followed by a student concert at 8:30.

The Keshet Eilon violin masterclasses continue today with a masterclass with Silvia Markovic at 5 and an open-air concert at 7:45 p.m.

POP

HELEN KAYE

Singer David Broza entertains tonight at the Arts & Crafts Fair at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem. Tomorrow it's Evgar Banai and Corinne Allal, Tuesday it's Ivri Lider, and on Wednesday, the Peruvian group Alturas will perform. All shows at 9 p.m.

GERSHWIN TRIBUTE

HELEN KAYE

Last chance to see an evening of Gershwin songs from *Porgy and Bess* and *Crazy for You*, to name just a few of the goodies in this Thirties-style show. On the main stage at the Beit Zvi drama school in Ramat Gan at 8:30. (Symphony)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** THE BIG LEBOWSKI - This psychedelic ode to bowling, the counterculture and Raymond Chandler is the latest funny, fleeting movie by the Coen brothers. (Joel directs, Ethan produces and they write their scripts together.) It's a



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film that makes us laugh out loud as it unfolds and then nearly evaporates from memory, so basically empty is its essence. Jeff Bridges brings a surprising sweetness and decency to the role of Jeff Lebowski, a.k.a. The Dude, an unemployed '70s remnant described in voice-over narration as the laziest man in Los Angeles. Despite his basic inertial desire to do nothing but hang out with his buddies, a trigger-happy Vietnam vet and Orthodox non-Jew named Walter (John Goodman) and the run-like Donnie (Steve Buscemi), The Dude finds himself tangled in an elaborate kidnapping caper involving the nymphomaniac wife of another man, also named Jeff Lebowski. With Julianne Moore and John Turturro, very amusing in the small role of a loose-lipped pervert of a bowling champ named Jesus. (Parental guidance very strongly advised.)

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

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8:05 Geminiani: La Folia, Concerto Grosso after Corelli; Handel: Suite in G minor; Beethoven: Sonata no. 3 in A for Cello and Piano op. 5; Grieg: Piano Concerto in A minor op. 16; Berlioz: Les Nuits d'été op. 7; Verdi: Requiem; Concerto on Themes from Macbeth; Debussy: Act 1 from the ballet Coppélia
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RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news
6:00 Morning Drive (until 9:00) - Music with David Starik
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:55 Sports Update with Danny Gelfand
8:00 Morning News
8:05 Lion's Trust Financial Update
8:30 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) - 80s-90s Music with Sharon Wilson
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6:45 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel
10:00 Holy Koran
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15:35 X Men
15:55 Zap - Country
16:00 Vacation
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16:30 Zap - Seaside
16:30 Evening
17:35 Zap - Chevrolet
17:50 USA High
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Dennis and Gershner
19:00 News
19:00 Hebrew Programs
19:00 A Moment in Life
19:35 Gregory Hines Show
20:00 Basketball World Championships (cont'd)
20:00 News
20:00 Summer at Jubilee
20:00 Verse of the Place

CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:45 On the Edge of the Shell
6:00 Iron Man
6:30 Choco with Tel-Aviv
6:45 Café Israel
8:00 Tarzan
9:50 Kidnaped
11:00 Happy Ever After
12:30 Comedy Show
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 There's A Party in Town
16:00 The Bold and Beautiful
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17:00 Residual at Five
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
18:00 Dr. Quinn - Medicine Woman
18:30 Telling for Two
19:25 Behind the Scenes of Superboy - a peek behind the camera during the filming of Hancock
19:30 The Greenfield Collection
19:30 News
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19:30 F.O.O.C.
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Halika sets swim mark

By HEATHER CHAIT

To culminate the end of a glorious season with records broken at home and overseas, two more national records fell at the national swimming championships at Wingate Institute over the weekend.

Mickey Halika set a new time of 2:02:53 in the 200 meters butterfly yesterday, knocking four-hundredths of a second off the earlier record.

Halika also won the 400m freestyle in 3:59:66 and the 400m individual medley in 4:29:03 on Thursday and Friday respectively.

The other record went to Maccabi Kiryat Ono's women in the 4x200m freestyle, with a winning time of 8:51:32, seven seconds better than the previous record.

Eytan Orbach succeeded in three races and most significantly, usurped the 100m freestyle title from Yoav Bruck after eight years. Orbach's time was 51:62 against Bruck's second-place finish of 52:04.

Bruck's single victory came in the 200m freestyle which he won in 1:54:47. He is expected to win the 50m freestyle today.

Orbach also won the 100m backstroke in 56:72 as well as the 100m butterfly in 55:47.

However, Orbach also had to swallow a defeat. In the 200m backstroke, Yoav Gat beat Orbach into second place. Gat's time was 2:03:07, nearly two seconds better than Orbach's result.

Among the women Anya Gostamel'ski won the 200m freestyle in 2:11:19. She also triumphed in the 100m backstroke in 1:05:59 and the 200m backstroke in 2:21:88.

The championships end today.

Hussain's 83 n.o. boosts England

Hosts are 206/4 in decisive 5th Test vs. South Africa

LEEDS (AP) — A backs-to-the-wall, unbeaten 83 by Nasser Hussain tilted the decisive fifth Test in England's favor at Headingley yesterday.

England, initially trailing by 22, were 206 for four at stumps on the third day with Hussain providing the backbone of the second innings in his six-hour stay.

That made England 184 runs ahead with six second innings wickets intact, well placed to push for their first five-Test series win in 12 years. The series is tied at 1-1 with two drawn.

South Africa, desperately in need of a breakthrough, took the second new ball with England 155 runs in front, but Hussain and Mark Ramprakash were equal to the task, until Shaun Pollock sneaked one through the latter's defense.

A dropped catch dearly cost South Africa the upper hand of another tense day's play, as they let skipper Alec Stewart off the hook.

Stewart, dropped on six by Jacques Kallis off Pollock, dominated a 62-run third wicket stand with Hussain, to gradually but decisively bat South Africa out of contention.

Stewart, who starred in England's fourth Test victory charge at Trent Bridge, hammered 35 runs off 68 balls, inclusive of seven boundaries off Pollock and fast bowler Allan Donald.

Pollock, having beaten the bat all afternoon in conditions ideal for seam and swing bowling, was rewarded for his persistence — picking up the wickets of Butcher (37), Stewart (35) and Ramprakash — as he finished with 3-39 in 25 overs.

Hussain, calmed any hopes of another England collapse, with a well-calculated assault on South Africa's all pace attack, repeatedly penetrating a strong off side field for most of his 11 boundaries. Pollock removed Ramprakash (25) four overs before stumps, trapping the right

hander leg before wicket with the second new ball.

It ended a 57-run stand put together in 90 minutes either side of a 11-minute break for bad light.

After losing the key wicket of Mike Atherton to the first ball of the day, England, didn't lose another till after lunch when Pollock found the edge of Butcher's bat en route to Brian McMillan at first slip.

Butcher, England's first innings hero with his maiden Test century, hit five fours in his 150-minute stay. He helped Hussain add 79 runs for the second wicket in 142 minutes after coming together just a ball into the day.

Stewart was lucky to escape and, once settled down, punished Pollock and then Allan Donald, hitting them out of the attack.

Donald, who won his battle with Atherton when he pinned the former captain in plumb in front, was hit for 25 runs in five overs inclusive of six boundaries, four of them to Stewart.

He was finally done by an outstanding Pollock delivery, a leg cutter that bounced, and wicket-keeper Mark Boucher completed a good catch.

The Hussain-Stewart stand raised 62 runs for the third wicket after England were 81 for two soon into the post lunch session.

Scoreboard on the third day of the fifth Test at Headingley yesterday

England 1st Innings 230 (M. Butcher 108)	South Africa 1st Innings 252 (H. Cronje 57, A. Fraser 5-42)
England 2nd Innings (overnight 2-0)	M. Butcher c McMillan b Pollock 37
M. Atherton lbw b Donald 1	N. Hussain not out 83
A. Stewart c Boucher b Pollock 35	M. Ramprakash lbw b Pollock 25
I. Salisbury not out 4	Extras (b-6 lb-1 w-2 nb-10) 21
Total (for 4 wickets, 91 overs) 206	Fall of wickets: 1-2-81 3-143 4-200
To bat: Graham Hick, Andrew Flintoff, Dominic Cork, Darren Gough, Angus Fraser	Bowling (to date): Pollock 25-11-39-3 (2nb), Donald 20-4-47-1 (1nb 1w), Kallis 11-0-22-0 (2nb), Ntini 15-4-43-0 (3nb), Kallis 15-6-51-0 (1w), Cullinan 1-0-1-0 (1nb), Cronje 4-1-4-0



SAVING GRACE — England batsman Nasser Hussain plays a ball from South Africa's Allan Donald on the third day of the fifth Test at Headingley.

Big Mac, Sosa connect

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his 44th homer for the Chicago Cubs yesterday against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Sosa's blow came in the top of the ninth and erased a 5-3 St. Louis lead. The game was tied at 5-all at press deadline.

After Mark Grace walked on four straight pitches to lead off the inning off reliever Rich Croushore, Sosa hit a 1-0 pitch just over the wall in left-center, his first hit of the series.

Sosa's blast kept him in pace with Mark McGwire, who hit his major league-leading 46th homer leading off the fourth.

The Cubs have 45 games left and the Cardinals have 47 as Sosa and McGwire try to break Roger Maris' single-season record of 61 home runs.

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Mariners 9, Tigers 3

Russ Davis hit two homers and Alex Rodriguez continued his torrid hitting at Tiger Stadium.

Rob Ducey and Edgar Martinez also homered for the Mariners, who have won three straight and five of their last six. Detroit has lost five straight and nine of 11.

Ken Griffey Jr. went 1-for-5 with an RBI single as the designated hitter but went homerless for the eighth straight game.

The AL home run leader with 41, Griffey has not gone deep in 37 at-bats since his last homer July 30.

Davis hit a three-run homer off reliever Doug Bochtler after walks to Rodriguez and Martinez in the seventh. Davis added a solo homer, his 17th, off Dean Crow in the ninth for his third multi-homer game this season and fourth of his career.

Rodriguez, 5-for-9 in the Mariners' doubleheader sweep of the Tigers on Friday, hit an RBI double in the third and doubled and scored in the fifth.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4 and is batting .429... (9-21) at Tiger Stadium this year.

Icelandic signing nets late leveler for Bolton

LONDON (AP) — Icelandic international Amar Gunnlaugsson powered home a last-minute equalizer yesterday as Bolton hit back to tie 2-2 with Crystal Palace. That means that two teams relegated from the Premier League started the new season in division one even.

Bolton took the lead through Dean Holdsworth in the 33rd minute only for Palace, now man-

some 40,000 fans at the Stadium of Light.

It needed a penalty 15 minutes from the end after Rangers' defender Ian Barnclough had blocked a goalbound header with his hand. Barnclough was sent off and Kevin Phillips scored from the spot.

Grim news for Sunderland was that former Newcastle midfielder Lee Clark broke his leg during the game in an challenge by QPR midfielder Keith Rowland.

Sheffield United, beaten in the playoff semifinal, scored a 2-1 victory over modest Swindon thanks to first-half goals by Graham Stuart and Vassilis

Borokis. An own goal by David Holdsworth provided Swindon's lone reply.

Birmingham, which just missed out on the playoffs after a late run last season, scored an impressive 2-0 win at Port Vale thanks to goals by Paul Furlong and Dele Adebola.

Wolves, another club likely to be among the promotion contenders, cruised to a 2-0 victory over Tranmere with goals from 18-year-old Irish international Robbie Keane and a penalty by former England international defender Keith Curle.

Danish international Soren

Charity Shield today

Manchester United vs. Arsenal at Wembley

aged by former England and Australia coach Terry Venables, went 2-1 ahead through Matt Jansen and Yugoslav international Sasa Curic.

Venables' team looked set to start with a win until Gunnlaugsson, who replaced Scott Sellars 20 minutes from the end, drove the ball from 20 meters for a spectacular leveler.

Barnsley, the other team relegated from the Premier League, twice fell behind but gained a 2-2 tie at home to West Bromwich Albion thanks to headed equalizers by Dutch defender Arjan De Zeeuw.

Another Dutch player, Richard Snodgrass, had fired the Baggies ahead and Albion's other goal came from Northern Ireland international James Quinn after a dazzling run by Irish international winger Kevin Kilbane.

Sunderland, beaten by Charlton on penalties in a post-season promotion playoff, started its latest attempt to regain a Premier League place with a 1-0 victory over Queens Park Rangers before

Division One	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Wolves	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Wrexham	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Sheffield United	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Sheff Wed	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Wacoed	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bury	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Sunderland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Barnsley	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bolton	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Crystal Palace	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
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West & Albion	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bradford	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Crewe	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Portsmouth	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Swindon	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Grimmby	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Wacoed	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Huddersfield	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
QPR	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Port Vale	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Tranmere	1	1	0	0	2	1	3

Division Two	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Preston	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Wrexham	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Notts County	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Stoke	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Bournemouth	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Bury	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Colchester	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Fulham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Luton	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Millwall	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Walsall	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Bristol Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Northampton	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Oldham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Chesham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Gillingham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Harrogate	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Wigan	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Wycombe	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Lincoln City	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Blackpool	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Reading	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Wacoed	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
York	1	1	0	0	3	1	3

Division Three	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Reading	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Barnet	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Harrogate	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Leyton Orient	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Swansea	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Plymouth	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Shrewsbury	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Southend	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Cam United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Carlisle	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Cardiff	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Harrogate	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Blackpool	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Scarborough	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Southend	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brighton	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Torquay	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Chesham	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Darlington	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Exeter	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Peterborough	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Hastings	1	1	0	0	3	0	3

Brentford 3, Mansfield 0; Carlisle 2, Brighton 0; Chesham 0, Leyton Orient 2; Darlington 0, Barnet 2; Harrogate 1, Cardiff 1; Peterborough 0, Harrogate 2; Plymouth 2, Rochdale 1; Rotherham 3, Hull 1; Scarborough 1, Southend 2; Shrewsbury 2, Southend 1; Swansea 2, Exeter 0; Torquay 0, Cambridge United 1.

Scottish League Cup: Second Round — Berwick 1, Falkirk 5; Dundee 0, Alloa 1; Greenock Morton 0, Ross County 1; Hamilton 1, Hibernian 2; Inverness 0, Aberdeen 3; Raith 2, Clydebank 0; St. Johnstone 3, Stranraer 0; St. Mirren 1, Ayr 3; St. Johnstone 0, Airdrie 2.

Russia rallies to top US in semifinal

Will face Yugoslavia in World Basketball Championship final today

ATHENS (Reuters) — Russia staged a magnificent comeback to beat the United States 66-64 in the last seconds of the World Basketball Championship semifinals yesterday and clinch a place in Sunday's final.

In today's final, Russia will play Yugoslavia who beat Greece 78-73 in overtime in the second semifinal last night.

With 15 seconds left and the two teams level 64-64, American playmaker Michael Hawkins was judged to have fouled, giving Russian forward Sergei Panov the chance to make a cross-court run to notch the winning basket.

The makeshift US team looked set to pull off the tournament's biggest upset, crawling back

from an early nine-point deficit to lead 39-37 at halftime, and stretching it to six points (64-58), with three minutes to go.

But two straight triples by Sergei Babkov brought Russia level before Panov's final blow.

"It was a very hard-fought game between two very good teams," US coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I thought we executed very well, got a lead, but that lead hurt us and we lost our focus."

Babkov, the championship's most talented guard, ended with impressive 30 points, including four three-pointers and a perfect free-throw record, eight from eight.

Playmaker Vassilijs Karashev added 10 points

after pumping 31 against Lithuania in the quarter-finals.

"The team showed character. We get a new revelation every day. Yesterday it was Karashev, today it was Babkov," Russian coach Sergei Belov said.

Babkov, who plays for Spanish side Unicaja Malaga, was simply unstoppable, notching 13 points in the first 12 minutes and overpowering three different US guards throughout the game.

He shrugged off an ankle injury picked up in the first half, returning later in the game to make the vital scores.

"Babkov was a player on a mission and we had no answer," Tomjanovich said.

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City	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Ariel	43/10 18/5	43/10 18/5	39/10 13/5	37/5 18/4
Beersheba	40/14 21/7	38/10 22/1	35/7 22/1	21/7 20/3
Dead Sea	48/18 27/8	47/16 27/8	43/10 27/8	42/10 27/8
Eilat	45/15 26/7	45/15 26/7	43/10 27/8	41/10 26/7
Hula	36/7 27/8	35/7 26/7	33/7 26/7	31/8 25/7
Jerusalem	36/7 18/5	35/5 18/5	31/8 18/5	30/6 18/4
Kazrin	44/11 17/8	44/11 18/4	39/10 18/4	38/10 18/4
Neshera	39/10 23/3	37/8 23/3	34/2 22/1	32/8 22/1
Tel Aviv	37/5 23/3	37/8 23/3	34/2 22/1	32/8 22/1
Thames	44/11 27/8	44/11 27/8	41/10 26/7	39/10 26/7

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Amsterdam	25/7 18/4	25/7 18/4	25/7 18/4	25/7 18/4
Beijing	36/7 27/7	36/7 27/7	36/7 27/7	36/7 27/